



Peg doll with modified Hitty body

Materials:

- Size 3 crochet cotton in body color or any color
- Size B (2.25mm) crochet hook
- 1/4 inch dowel rod, 18 inches will easily make one doll
- 1 inch round bead with at least 3/16 inch hole drilled through
- Pin vise for drilling small holes for jointing
- Exacto knife for very light shaping.

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- Fine sandpaper
- Craft or carpet thread
- Long embroidery needle
- 1/4 inch buttons
- Small amounts of fiberfill and paint.

Prepare your wooden pieces first by cutting two legs, 3 inches long, and two arms, 2 ¼ inches long, and one body dowel 3 inches long. If you like you can cut the ends for the feet and hands at a angle, or leave them straight cut.

Lightly sand all the cut edges to remove any rough areas. Drill a small hole ¼ inch from the top of the arms and legs. Glue the head onto the body dowel. You will probably have to shave some wood off the end of the dowel for the bead to fit on the end. With the bead glued to the end of the body dowel, the total length should be about 3 ½ inches.

Paint the arms and legs a body color, and paint on shoes if you like. Or, paint tights on your doll if you like, or leave her unpainted. Paint the head bead and the body dowel a body color, or leave unpainted. If you paint the head bead, wait for it to dry, then paint the dolls facial features. You can be as simple or elaborate as you like.

Once the face is painted on and dried, varnish your doll with a matte varnish and let dry. Drill a hole ¼ inch from the bottom of the body dowel, oriented from hip to hip. You will use this hole to joint the legs to the body and keep the body dowel from being pulled out of the crochet body.

Crochet body: work in continuous rounds, work tightly.

1: ch2, 8sc in the second ch from the hook

2-4: Sc in each sc around. 8Sc

5: FLO, 2sc in each sc around. 16 sc

6: (Sc in the first three sc, two sc in the next sc) around. 20 sc

7: Sc in each sc around. 20 sc

8: (Sc in the next three sc, sc next two sc tog) around. 16 sc

9-16: Sc in each sc around. 16 sc

17: (Sc in the next two sc, sc next two sc tog) around. 12 sc

18: Sc in each sc around. 12 sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail to thread through the last round of stitches and gather against the neck.

Place the body dowel into the crocheted body, seating the bottom of the dowel into the pocket at the bottom of the body. Thread an embroidery needle with double carpet thread, thread this through one of the small buttons, through one leg, through the bottom of the body making sure to pass through the hole in the dowel, out through the second leg and through a second button. Return the thread back through button, leg, body, leg, button and tie off with a double knot at the beginning.

Stuff the body firm but not hard through the opening in the neck, working the stuffing around the body dowel. When stuffed to your satisfaction, thread the long tail through the last round of stitches and gather tight against the dowel. Secure this gathering and bury the thread tail in the body

Joint the arms to the body with double carpet thread and buttons, between the second the third rounds from the top.

If you did not paint on hair, make a crochet wig with fingering weight yarn, or create a wig from other fibers, such as roving, or felt, or whatever!

Dress you doll in crochet finery, fabric, lace, or felt.

