



## **Pillow-bodied Peg Doll by Joyce Yearsley**

*doll is approximately 6 inches tall*

### **Materials:**

- Size 3 crochet thread or felt
- Size 2.25mm crochet hook
- 3/16 or 1/4 inch dowel rods or skewers
- 1 inch wooden bead for head
- Acrylic paints
- Yarn for wigs, if you prefer not to paint the hair

- Pin vise for drilling tiny holes
- Saw or scissors for cutting dowels
- Strong thread for jointing dolls
- Tiny buttons to joint the arms and legs



Cut the arms and legs from the dowel rods or skewers. With a pin vise, drill small hole  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the top of each arm and leg. Insert a dowel into the head bead and glue in place. Let this dry before painting.

Cut legs 3 inches long, at an angle at the foot.

Cut the arms  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches long, at an angle at the hand.

Drill small hole  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the top of each.





Paint the arms, legs (and shoes!), head and let dry. Finish with varnish to protect your paint job



With size 3 cotton and 2.25 mm hook make a simple pillow body. If you don't crochet, the body could be made from fabric or felt.

Row 1 - Chain 8 or 10 stitches. Single crochet in second chain from hook and in each stitch (7 or 9 stitches). Chain one turn. The width should measure 1 1/4".

Rows 2-24 - Single crochet in each stitch for a total of 24 rows.

Fold the strip in half to make a body 1 1/4 inches wide by 1 3/4 inches tall, sew the edges together and stuff lightly.

After you cut off the bottom of the body dowel, drill a hole  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the bottom. Insert the dowel into the pillow body, then sew through the body and the hole in the dowel to keep the head/body dowel from coming out.

Sew the arms and the legs to the body with carpet or craft thread, using buttons on the ends. Your doll is finished! Now you can embellish her to your hearts content, with fabric or crochet, sewn on clothing or remove-able.