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**Teacup Spirit inspired by Lalaloopsy dolls :-) **

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**Materials:**
- Sportweight yarn (Paton's Astra or similar, 1.75oz/160yds)
- Size C crochet hook
- Two 1/4 inch black buttons
- Two 6mm acrylic eyes for shoulder joints. PLEASE use the type of eyes with a ribbed shank and plastic collar! I learned the hard way that the skinny shank with the metal collar will come undone :--(
- One 8mm acrylic eye for neck joint
- Embroidery floss for mouth and two sew eyes to face
- Several skeins of embroidery floss for hair
- Small piece of pink/peach felt for blush circles on the face

**Notes before starting your doll:**

The key to making a tiny doll that is jointed is in the stitch and assembly sequence, I think. We will make the arms first and insert the eye joints into the shoulder, then set aside. Next we will make the head and crochet it up to the last three rounds. Cut the yarn leaving about a 48 inch tail to complete crocheting the head closed. Sew the buttons to the head at this point.

Next we start on the torso and work the first four rounds, then attach the head to the neck with the neck eye joint. The eye will be inserted into the body, the post sticking up out of the neck. Place the head over the post, then attach the collar to the post. The hardest thing about making these little dolls is getting the collar firmly and fully on the eye post.

Crochet three more rounds, then attach the arms to the body by sticking the eye post into the body and attaching the collar over the post inside the body. Again, this is tough, and you must push the collar onto the post as far as it will go to get a nice firm joint.

Finish crocheting the body, stuff it, then crochet the bottom edge closed with eight single crochet.

Go back to the head, stuff it firmly, then crochet it closed.

Return to the body and finish crocheting the legs.

When done, you should have a very tiny, fully jointed, Teacup Spirit masquerading as a little Lalaloopsy :-). You can use the Teacup Trousseau pattern for her clothes.

I use a magic ring to start the head and the body. Here are a couple of online tutorials on how to make this:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLuSVyKvoUg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLuSVyKvoUg)

or

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A picture tutorial of some of the basic steps for making this doll is available on my flickr site:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/29184580@N04/sets/72157627077018028/

**Crochet Instructions:**

**Arms:** crochet in rounds, do not join round.
1: Ch2, five sc in the second ch from the hook, 5sc
2: Sc in ea sc around, 5sc
3: Sc in the first three sc, insert one of the 6mm acrylic eyes for shoulder joints into the arm, with the post sticking out between row two and three just before the last sc made, sc in the last two sc. 5sc
4-7 sc in each sc around.
8: sc in the next two or three sc, sl st in next, ch2, dc in next st, ch2, sl st in the next st. Check and see that the 'hand' that you've just made (with the ch2's and dc) points opposite the post sticking out of the shoulder. If not, undo the hand and add or subtract a sc or two to orient the hand appropriately. Finish off. Run the tail of yarn you're left with into the arm opening, using it to sort of 'stuff' the arm.

**Head:** crochet in rounds, do not join
1: Make a magic ring and work 10 sc in the ring. Tighten it up and much as possible.
2: Two sc in each sc around, 20 sc
3: (Sc in next st, two sc in next st) around. 30 sc
4-10 Sc in each sc around. At this point, sew the black 1/4 inch buttons to the face on round six, six stitches apart.. Measure out a yard and a half of yarn and cut the yarn at this point. This leaves enough yarn to finish off the head after it has been attached to the body. Set the head aside for now.

**Body:** crochet in rounds, do not join
1: Make a magic ring and work eight sc in the ring. Tighten up the ring as much as possible.
2: Sc in each sc around. 8sc
3: (Sc in the next sc, two sc in the next) around. 12sc
4: (Sc in the next two sc, two sc in the next sc) around. 16sc.

At this point, insert the 8mm acrylic eye used for the neck joint into the body, poking it out of the neck hole. Push the head onto the post as far down as it will go (squash it!) then push the collar onto the post (inside the head) and push IT down as far as it will go. You want this to be very tight, so push! Now the head and body are joined.

5-7: Sc in each sc around. At this point, attach the arms to the body on either side, poking the arm post into the body between rounds four and five. Push the collar onto the post (inside the body) and really push hard to get the collar down as far as it will go on the post. This is the hardest part of making this doll, so push!

8: (Sc in next two sc, sc next two tog) around, 12sc

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9: Sc in each sc around.  12sc
10 (Sc in next two sc, two sc in the next) around.  16sc
11:  Sc in each sc around.  At the end of round 11, see where you've stopped in relation to the arms being at the side of the body.  If necessary, take a few more stitches so that you end up at the right side of the doll's body (you want the front of the doll facing you when you stitch the bottom of the body closed).  Stuff the body firmly, then stitch the bottom closed with eight sc.  Do NOT fasten off.  We will work the first leg from this point.

But first, we'll return to the head and finish it.  Go back and stuff the head firmly.
Round 10 of head:  (sc in the next sc, sc next two sc tog ) around and stuff the head some more, 20sc.
Round 11:  (Sc next two sc tog) around until the opening is closed, stuffing as necessary to fill the head.

Legs:  crochet in rounds, do not join.
1:  Sc in the back loop of the next four sc across the bottom of the body, turn and work in the front loops of the same four stitches.  8sc
2:  Sc in each sc around.  8sc.
3:  Sc in the next two sc, sc next two sc tog, sc in next four sc.  7sc
4-5:  Sc in each sc around.  7sc
6-7:  Sc in the next two sc, sc next two sc tog, sc in next three sc.  6sc
8:  Sc in next two sc, sc next two tog, sc in last two sc.  5sc
9:  Sc in each sc around.  Ch2 (you should be at the front of the leg; if not, add or subtract a stitch or two so you are at the front of the leg, then ch2)
10:  Two dc in the next two sts, ch2, sl st in the next st.  Finish off leaving a long tail (to sew the bottom of the foot together and to stuff the leg with the remaining yarn end.

I did not stuff the legs or arms with pipecleaner, but if you want to you certainly can.  Thread a large tapestry needle with the yarn tails at the end of the foot, and sew the last round with the dc stitches together to make the bottom of the foot.  Run the yarn ends into the leg a few times to 'stuff' the leg.

Facial Features:

Use a 3/8 or 1/2 inch button as a pattern and draw two circles on the pink felt for the check color.  Glue to the face with a dot of glue to hold and let dry.  When dry, use a single strand of matching embroidery floss and stitch the felt circle to the face with tiny running stitches.

For the mouth, use three strands of embroidery floss and embroider a sweet smile :-)

Embroidery Floss Wigs:  For embroidery floss hair, you will need five or more skeins of floss and a size 7 steel crochet hook.  The wig cap takes about two  skeins of floss; curls will take more floss than straight long hair.

To make it easier to crochet with, wind your floss around a floss bobbin.  Crochet to the end of the floss, and if you need more, just tie it on and make sure the knot is on the inside of the wig cap.

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Wig cap; work in rounds, do not join rounds
1: Ch2, eight sc in second ch from hook. 8sc
2: Two sc in each sc around. 16sc
3: (Sc in the next sc, two sc in the next sc) around. 24sc
4: (Sc in the next two sc, two sc in the next sc) around. 32 sc
5-6 Sc in each sc around.
7: (Sc in the next three sc, two sc in the next) around. 40 sc. This should be all the increasing you need to do for the wig cap, so continue working evenly until the cap covers the head as you like. I worked 15 rounds even, then added five more stitches to round 16 and finished off.

You can use the wig cap and floss to make pigtails, ponytails, chain loop curls, and many other hairstyles :-)

The curls for pigtails or ponytails are made by chaining 12 to 18, then work two hdc in second ch from hook and each ch. To make a bunch of curls, do not fasten off after your first curl, but chain again 12 to 18 sc and repeat. Do this for as many curls as you want in your cluster. For the pigtails, I worked a cluster of four curls for each side.