



## Tiny Bead/Dowel/Crochet Doll and clothing

*This doll is based on the original doll Joyce and I worked up back in 2018. She is 4 inches tall.*

Materials, for the doll: This list looks long, but these are pretty simple tools and parts.

- An exacto knife for very minimal shaving of the wood dowel and spools
- Small saw and miter box for sawing the dowel rod pieces
- Pin Vise (tiny hand drill) for drilling the dowels to string the limbs to the body.

- 200 grit (fine) sandpaper for minimal sanding
- Black paint for eyes and boots
- Pastels in shades of pink for blush
- Modge Podge to seal wood pieces
- Glue
- Toothpicks for painting eyes.
- 20mm (3/4inch) wood bead with at least 3/16 inch hole
- One 12" long 1/4" diameter dowel rod for body support, arms and legs (will make one doll)
- Two 1/2 x 5/8 inch spools for boots
- Strong craft thread for jointing the doll's limbs
- Four 1/4 inch buttons for jointing the doll's limbs
- Size 3 crochet cotton to make the body
- Size B crochet hook.
- Embroidery needle that will fit through the holes drilled in the dowel rods.
- Craft or carpet thread.

Prepare your wood pieces first.



1: With the exacto knife, pare down one end of the dowel rod until you can fit the wood head bead onto it snugly. With the head bead on the dowel, mark a total length of 2 ¼ inches. Remove the bead and saw the dowel rod at the mark. Put the bead back on the dowel rod with a bit of glue, set aside.

2: Saw two 2" pieces off of the dowel for the legs, and two 1 ¾" pieces off for the arms. You should have a little under 3 inches left of this dowel. Save it to use on your next doll!

3: With the exacto knife or your saw, pare off the top rim of each of the spools, and cut a slice off the bottom rim to shape the bottom rim to look like a boot. Paint the boot now, before you glue it to the leg.

3: Glue a spool onto each 2" piece of dowel rod for the boots and set aside.

4: Choose where on the bead you want to make the face. You can paint the entire bead a flesh color if you like, or leave it natural (what I did). Choose the placement for the eyes, I like right at the midpoint of the bead, and make two tiny marks with a pencil. If you are adept at painting, make any face you like! If you are like me and not, then two simple black dots for eyes works great. Cut the tip off of a toothpick and dip it into a tiny amount of black paint. Place a dot of paint where you marked the eyes. Set aside to dry.

5: Sand the cut edges of the dowel rods to neaten them up. Mark a dot 3/16" from the top of each arm with a pencil, and using a pin vise, drill a tiny hole for stringing the arms to the body.

6: With the feet pointing forward, mark a dot 3/16" from the top of each leg on the side with a pencil, and drill a hole for stringing the legs to the body.

7: With the face of the doll facing you, mark a dot 3/16" from the bottom of the body dowel at the side and drill a hole. After you crochet the body, you will insert this into the body cavity and string your legs through the crochet and this hole in the dowel.

Seal all the wood pieces and set aside to dry.

**Crochet the body:** work in rounds, do not join.

1: Ch2, 8sc in the second ch from the hook. 8sc

2-3: Sc in each sc around. 8sc

4: Working in the Front Loop Only for this round, two sc in each sc around. 16sc

5-9: Sc in each sc around. 16sc

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

11: Sc in each sc around. Fasten off leaving a long tail to weave through the last round and pull up around the head/body dowel.



1: Insert the head/body dowel into the crocheted body, seating the bottom of the dowel firmly in the pocket created by the first three rounds of crochet.

2: Thread an embroidery needle that will fit through the hole you drilled in the dowels and through the buttons, with two strands of strong craft thread. Knot one end with a double knot. String a  $\frac{1}{4}$  button and one leg (feet facing forward) on the needle, then thread the needle into the bottom of the body. You may have to poke around a bit to find the hole you drilled in the body dowel, but you'll find it! Pull the needle through, then string a leg (feet forward) and another  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch button on the needle. Run the needle back through the last button, leg, body,

leg, and button and pull the thread up tightly. Use a surgeons knot and then a double knot to secure the legs to the body. Cut the thread.

3: With a very small amount of stuffing (I use wool roving, but you can use polyfill if you like), stuff the crocheted body through the opening at the top where the head is. Stuff lightly, but enough to fill out the body form.

4: Thread the long tail at the neck edge into a tapestry needle and weave it through the last round of crochet. When your body is stuffed to your liking, pull up the crochet tight to the dowel and fasten off securely. You can bury the thread end in the body so it doesn't show.

5: Thread your embroidery needle with two strands of craft thread. Knot one end with a double knot. Thread a ¼ inch button and an arm onto the needle, then pass the needle through the body with the needle passing the back side of the dowel rod in the body. Pull through the body, thread an arm and another button onto the needle, then pass the needle back through the last button, arm, body (this time in front of the dowel rod in the body) arm and button. Pull the thread tight and tie off with a surgeons knot and a double knot, then cut the thread.

Your basic doll is done!



## Wigs for your dolls.

### Materials:

- Fingering weight yarn
- Size B crochet hook
- Glue

Wigs for these dolls are simple crochet caps that you can then embellish with crocheted curls, or strands of yarn. You can use any thread or yarn that is thin enough, with a hook appropriate to the yarn. I like wool fingering as it looks 'hairy.' Work in rounds, do not join.

- 1: Ch2, 8sc in the second ch from the hook. 8sc
- 2: Two sc in each sc around. 16sc.
- 3: (Sc in the next three sc, two sc in the next) around. 20 sc. Place this on the doll's head and see if it looks like it will be wide enough. If so, continue with 20 sc, If not, add a couple stitches. The cap should fit snug.
- 4-5: Sc in each sc around. Check and see if this covers the head like you want. If you are adding bangs and curls, remember they will cover more of the head, so you can probably stop here. Don't cut the yarn if you are crocheting the bangs and curls.

**Bangs:** (Ch6, sl st in the same stitch, ch6 sl st in the next st) five times. All of the wigs below begin with these bangs.

**For crocheted curls around the head** (this wig is on the doll featured on the first page), after crocheting the bangs sl st in the next two sts. (Ch11, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch back to the cap, sl st in the next cap st) around to the last two sts on the cap; sl st in these stitches and fasten off. Weave the loose ends into the wrong side of the cap. Glue the cap to the head.

**For braids**, sl st in the next three cap sts (ch16, sl st in the second ch from the hook and each ch back to the cap, sl st in the next st) three times. Sl st in the next three cap stitches, (ch16, sl st

in the second ch from the hook and each ch back to the cap, sl st in the next st) three times. Sl st in the last cap stitches and fasten off. Weave in the loose ends, and braid the three long strands on either side of the head. Secure them with size 3 crochet cotton tied in a bow.

**For long strands**, sl st in the next two sts, then work the same as the braids, except work all around the cap to the last two cap sts, sl st in these sts and fasten off. Weave in the long ends.

**For long, thick hair**, sl st in the next two cap sts, ch16, hdc in the second ch from the hook and each ch back to the cap, sl st in the next st) around to the last two cap sts, sl st in these stitches and fasten off. Weave in the long ends.

**For very curly hair**, sl st in the next two cap sts (ch20, sl st in the same st, ch20, sl st in the next st) around to the last two cap sts, sl st in these sts and fasten off. Weave in the long ends.

If you don't want to crochet the hair, you can cut strands of yarn and hook them into the last round of the cap, leaving the hair long, or braiding it to either side, or cutting some in front for bangs, or pull it to the back and make a long single braid. You can make longer, looser curls or tighter curls by making longer chains and varying the stitches from sl sts to hdc.



## Clothing:

### Materials:

- Size 8 perle cotton or size 20 crochet cotton
- Size 6 steel hook
- Tiny (3/16") buttons or tiny pearls for buttons

Note: Ch1 and Ch2 at the beginning of a row or round does NOT count as the first st.

**Nightgown:** worked from neckline down. Leave a long tail at the beginning to make a buttonhole loop.

1: Ch17, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch, ch1, turn. 16sc

2: Two sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 32 sc

3: (Sc in the next three sc, two sc in the next sc) across, ch1, turn. 40 sc

4: Sc in the next six sc, dc in the next eight sc, sc in the next 12sc, dc in the next eight sc, sc in the last six sc, ch1,turn. 40 sts

5: Sc in the next five sts, two sc in the next st, ch4, skip the next eight dc, two sc in the next st, sc in the next 10 sts, two sc in the next st, ch4, skip the next eight dc, two sc in the next st, sc in the last five sts. Ch1,turn. 28 sc, 8ch

6: Sc in each sc and ch across, ch1,turn. 36sc

7: (Sc in the next two sc, ch1) across, ch2 turn.

8: (Dc in the next two sc, ch1, skip the next ch1) across, join, ch2, do not turn.

9-11: (Dc in the next two dc, ch1, skip the next ch1) across, join, ch2, do not turn.

12: (Dc in the next dc, two dc in the next dc, ch1, skip the next ch1) across, join, ch2, do not turn.

13-15: (Dc in the next three dc, ch1, skip the next ch1) across, join, ch2, do not turn. At the end of round 15, ch1, sl st to the middle dc, ch1.

16: Sc, [skip the next dc, dc in the next ch1 space (ch1, dc) four times in the same space, skip the next dc, sc in the next dc] across. Join to the first sc. If you want a contrasting trim at the bottom, fasten off this color and change to contrasting color.

17: Sl st into the first ch1 space, [(ch3, sl st in the next ch1 space) three times, ch3, skip the next dc, sc, and dc, sl st in the next ch1 space] across. Finish off.

With the long tail from the beginning, ch4, sl st in the side of the sc two rows down. Buttonhole made.

**Neck edging:** With same or contrasting color, sl st in the first st at the neckline (ch2, sl st in the next st) across. Finish off.

Weave in the ends and sew a tiny button or pearl opposite the buttonhole loop and you are done!

**Camisole:** The camisole is worked side to side in single crochet rib stitch. One rib = two rows of stitching.

1: Ch7, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch across, ch1,turn. 6sc

2-26: BLO sc in each sc across, ch1,turn. 6sc

Turn the work so you are working across the bottom of the camisole in the ribs, (three sc in the first rib, two sc in the next rib) across, ch1, turn. 33sc

Working up one side of the camisole, sl st loosely in the next six sts, ch1, turn.

Working across the top of the camisole in the ribs, work two sc in each rib across, ch1, turn (to work back across the top) 26sc

Armholes and neck edge:

1: FLO, sc in the next five sc, work three link stitches, skip next three sc, sc in the next 10 sc, work three link sts, skip next three sc, sc in the last five sc, ch1,turn. Armhole openings made.

2: Sc in the next three sc, sc next two sc tog, one sc in the first link, two sc in the second link, one sc in the third link, sc next two sc tog, sc in the next six sc, sc next two sc tog, one sc in the next link, two sc in the second link one sc in the third link, sc next two sc tog, sc in the last three sc. ch4, turn the work so you are working down the side of the camisole.

Sl st in the side of the sc two rows down (buttonhole made) sl st loosely down the side of the camisole to the last two sc, ch4 skip the next sc, sl st in the next st.

Bottom edge:

1: (Ch3, sl st in the back loop of the next st, skip the next st) across. Finish off. Sew tiny buttons or pearls opposite the buttonhole loops. Basic camisole done! You can embellish this by crocheting ruffles around the armholes and in the unused loops at the top of the camisole.

**Pantaloons:** Ch90, fasten off. Fold this chain in half and work 32 sc around the ch beginning about ½ inch from the fold. This will create ties at the back of the pantaloons to tie them on the doll.

1: 32 sc around the middle section of the ch90. DO NOT work into the chs, work around them. Ch1,turn.

2: Sc in each sc across, ch2, turn.

3: Dc in each sc across, join, ch2, do not turn.

4-5: Dc in each dc across, join, ch2, do not turn. At the end of round 5, ch3 (for the crotch)

Leg dividing round:

6: Skip the first 16 dc, join with a sl st in the next dc, ch2, dc in the same st as ch2 and the next 15 dc, work dc dec over the three chains of the crotch, join to the first dc, ch2, do not turn. 17dc

7: Dc in the next 15 dc, dc next two dc tog, join, ch1,do not turn. 16dc

8: (two sc in the first dc, skip the next dc) around, join, ch1, do not turn. 16sc

9: (Two sc in the first sc, skip the next sc) around, join, ch3, do not turn.

10: (skip the first sc, sl st in the back loop of the next sc, ch3) around, join, fasten off.

Join thread in the first unused st of round 5 and make a second leg.

**Rompers:**

Materials:

-Size 8 perle cotton or size 20 crochet cotton in colors for shirt and rompers.

-Size 6 steel crochet hook

Worked from neckline down. Leave a long tail at the beginning to make a buttonhole loop.  
Begin with shirt color.

- 1: Ch17, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch, ch1, turn. 16sc
- 2: Two sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 32 sc
- 3: (Sc in the next three sc, two sc in the next sc) across, ch1, turn. 40 sc. At the end of row 3, change to rompers color.
- 4: Sc in the next six sc, dc in the next eight sc, sc in the next 12sc, dc in the next eight sc, sc in the last six sc, ch1,turn. 40 sts
- 5: Sc in the next six sts, ch4, skip the next eight dc, sc in the next 12 sts, ch4, skip the next eight dc, sc in the last six sts. Ch1,turn. 24 sc, 8ch
- 6: Sc in each sc and ch across, ch2, turn. 32 sc
- 7: Dc in each sc across, join, ch2, do not turn. 32dc
- 8-12: Dc in each dc across, join, ch2, do not turn. 32dc At the end of round 12, ch3. The ch3 will make the crotch of the rompers.

Leg dividing row

- 13: Skip the first 16dc, sl st in the next dc, ch2, dc in the same st and the next 15 dc, dc dec over the three chain at the crotch, join, ch2, do not turn. 17dc
- 14: Dc in the next 15 dc, dc the next two dc tog, join, ch2, do not turn. 16dc
- 15: Dc in each dc around, join, ch1, do not turn. 16dc
- 16-17: Sc in each st around, join, ch1, do not turn. 16sc. Finish off at the end of round 17

Join thread in the first unused st of round 12 and make second leg.

Sleeves: Join thread with a sl st to the first ch of the ch4 under the arm

- 1: Sc in the same st as sl st and the next three ch, sc in the side of the next st, dc in the BLO of the next eight dc, sc in the side of the next st, join, ch1, do not turn. 14 sts
- 2: Sc in the next five sc, dc in the next eight dc, sc in the last sc, join, ch1, do not turn. 14 sts
- 3-4: Sc in each st around, join, ch1, do not turn. At the end of round 4 fasten off.

Optional neck trim: With a second contrasting color, join thread in the first st at the neckline.  
Work (sl st, ch1) in each st at the neckline. Fasten off.

With the long tail from the beginning, ch4, sl st in the second row from the neckline. Sew a tiny button or pearl opposite. Weave in all the ends, and you're done!

Sun Hat: work in continuous rounds

- 1: Ch2, 8sc in the second ch from the hook. 8sc
- 2: Two sc in each sc around. 16sc
- 3: (Sc in the next st, two sc in the next st) around. 24sc
- 4: (Sc in the next two sts, two sc in the next st) around. 32sc
- 5-10: Sc in each sc around. 32sc
- 11: BLO, (Sc in the next st, two sc in the next st) around. 48sc

12: Sc in each sc around. 48 sc

13: (Sc in the next three sc, two sc in the next sc) around. 60 sc

14: Sc in each sc around. 60 sc

15: [(sc, 2dc) in the next sc, skip the next two sc] around. Finish off.

If you like, use a contrasting color to work (sl st, ch1) trim in the unused loops of round 11.