



Easy Soldier Doll

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NOTE: Doll is crocheted in continuous rounds. Do not join. Use stitch markers or yarn to mark rows. Pattern is worked from top of head down.

Size: Approximately 5 to 6 inches tall

Hook: 3.5 mm "E" hook

Yarn: worsted weight acrylic (#4).

Eyes: Use 9 mm safety eyes, or size of your choice, or you can embroider them.

Colors: Flesh = color of your choice. Use camouflage, Khaki, army green, etc. for uniform and color of choice for scarf. I used RED for the scarf. (Remember Everyone Deployed)

Abbreviations:

MR = magic ring

BLO = back loop only

sc = single crochet

ss = slip stitch

inc = Increase

dec = decrease

R = round or row

ch = chain

sts - stitches

__ x = number of times to repeat what is in {brackets}

Directions:

HEAD: Use skin color

Increase Rows:

R1: 6 Sc in MR = (6 sts)

R2: inc in each st around = (12 sts)

R3: {sc1, inc} 6x = (18 sts)

R4: {sc2, inc} 6x = (24 sts)

R5: {sc3, inc} 6x = (30 sts)

R6-11: sc around (6 rows) = (30 sts)

Decrease Rows:

R12: {sc3, dec} 6x = (24 sts)

NOTE: Insert Eyes between Rows 9 & 10, approx 4 sts apart.

R13: {sc2, dec} 6x = (18 sts)

R14: {sc1, dec} 6x = (12 sts)

Stuff head firmly.

R15: sc around = (12 sts). **NOTE:** Change to **Uniform color** in last stitch of R15

BODY begins here.

R16: ss loosely in each stitch around, to steady head and keep it from wobbling. (12 sts)

R17: sc in each st **over the last row** = (12 sts)
(This creates an extra thick row to help support the head.)

Increase Rows:

R18: {sc, inc} 6x = (18 sts)

Cut skin color yarn, tie ends of both colors together and trim.

R19: {sc5, inc} 3x = (21 sts)

R20: {sc6, inc} 3x = (24 sts)

R21-31: sc around (11 rows) = (24 sts)

R32: sc in BLO around = (24 sts)

Decrease Rows:

R33: {sc1, dec} 8x = (16 sts)

Stuff the body and head firmly, especially the neck, but **do not overstuff**. You want the bottom flat so the doll doesn't wobble.

R34: dec 8x = (8 sts)

Slip stitch into next stitch, and fasten off. Leave a long piece of yarn to use to flatten the bottom. Sew hole closed. Insert needle into bottom of doll. Go out the side of the doll and back into the bottom several times. Pull gently to make the bottom flat. Push in middle (indent) to help the doll stand on its own.

ARMS and HANDS: MAKE 2

DO NOT STUFF ARMS.

Hands: Use skin color yarn.

R1: 4 sc in MR

R2: inc in ea st around = (8 sts)

NOTE: Change to **uniform color** in last st of R2.

R3: sc BLO around = (8 sts)

Tighten MR, tie ends of both colors together, trim.

R4-9: sc around for 6 rows = (8 sts)

ss in next st.

Fasten off arm leaving a long piece of yarn to attach arms to the body.

Flatten arm and sew end closed.

HELMET

R1: 6 Sc in MR = (6 sts)

R2: inc in each st around = (12 sts)

R3: {sc1, inc} 6x = (18 sts)

R4: {sc2, inc} 6x = (24 sts)

R5: {sc3, inc} 6x = (30 sts)

R6: {sc14, inc} x 2 = (32 sts)

R7-10: sc around for 4 rows = (32 sts)

ss in next st, fasten off and leave a long piece of yarn to sew the helmet to head.

Chin Strap:

Ch15 and attach ends to helmet after securing helmet on head.

SCARF:

R1: ch 41, Turn

R2: sc in 2nd chain from hook, and in each stitch to end. (40 sts)

R3: Turn and ss in ea st to end along sc row.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Assembly:

Attach arms to sides of the body.

Attach helmet to head and sew on strap.

Tie scarf around neck and tack it down in a few spots.

NOTE: If you are new to amigurumi, here are a couple of suggestions. Use "Yarn Under" technique to lessen the possibility of holes in fabric. Use **Invisible Decrease and Invisible Increase** for the same reason. While not necessary, these techniques can greatly improve the look of the finished product.

Search the Internet and Youtube.com for instructions on these techniques and other helpful hints. Good luck! Have fun.