

# Knitting Patterns for Handknit "Folk Dolls"

*Knitting Instructions for the Child Doll and Outfit*

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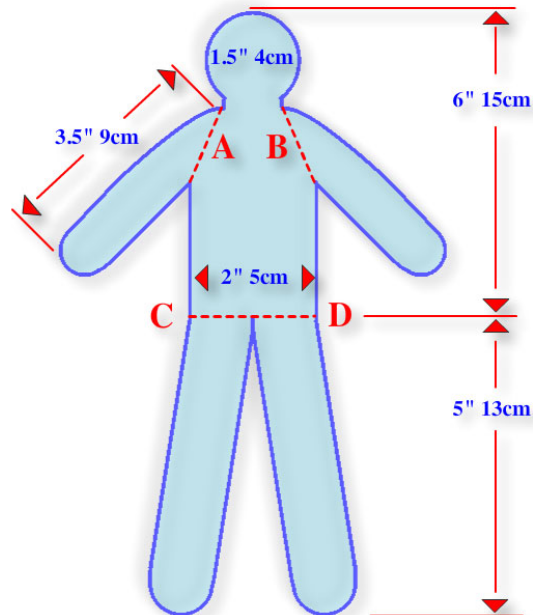


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### PATTERN NOTES:

The unclothed folk doll is knit in worsted yarn in 6 pieces: the head/body is knit flat twice, while the arms and legs are worked in the round. The pieces are then stuffed, then sewn together at seam lines ( see diagram ). The mouth is embroidered. Buttons are used for the eyes. Garment patterns are included.

### SKILLS REQUIRED:

Cast on, bind off, decreasing, increasing, seaming, thumb CO, knitting in the round

**SPECIAL TECHNIQUES:** BO without yarn- K up to last 2 sts, pull left st over right st, slip one st from right to left needle, pull left st over right st.

### YARN:

Red Heart #4 Worsted (100% acrylic, 364 yds/333 m, 7 oz /198 g), less than 1 skein or 80 yds/72 m ( Choose your own colors. )

### KNITTING NEEDLES:

US 6 (4mm) circular needle for working flat

US 6 (4mm) set of 4 DPNs for working in the round

### EXTRAS:

Notions: Two 3/16 inch ( 4mm ) buttons for eyes, embroidery floss for mouth, embroidery floss for shoelaces and ribbon for necklace.

Tools: Yarn needle, stitch holder

### GAUGE:

Not important. All measurements are approximate.

### ABBREVIATIONS:

**BO** — bind off

**CC** — contrast color

**cm** — centimeter

**CO** — cast on

**DPN** — double point needle

**k** — knit

**KFB** — knit into front and back of next st

**k2tog** — knit two sts together

**MC** — main color

**mm** — millimeter

**p** — purl

**p2tog** — purl 2 sts together

**PU** — pick up

**rnd** — round

**RS** — right side

**ssk** — slip next 2 sts as if to k, then k2tog through the back loop

**st(s)** — stitch (es)

**St st** — stockinette stitch (knit RS rows, purl WS rows )

**WS** — wrong side

**[ ]** — repeat the instructions inside the brackets the number of times specified



## Leg. Worked in the round. Make 2.

With DPNs, CO 15 sts. Distribute 4 sts on needle #1, 7 sts on needle #2 and 4 sts on needle #3. Join rnd without twisting sts.

Rnds 1-7: K around.

Rnd 8: On needle #1: k4. On needle #2: k3, k2tog, k2. On needle #3: k4. ( 14 sts )

Rnds 9-14: K around.

Rnd 15: On needle #1: k4. On needle #2: k2, k2tog, k2. On needle #3: k4. ( 13 sts )

Rnds 16-21: K around.

Rnd 22: On needle #1: k4. On needle #2: k2, k2tog, k1. On needle #3: k4. ( 12 sts )

Rnd 23: Knit and redistribute sts. On needle #1: k3. On needle #2: k6. On needle #3: k3. Continue with needle #3, knit across needle #1 ( 6 sts on needle #3 ). Hold aside needle #2 ( 6 sts ), work back and forth on the combined 6 sts of needles #1 and #3 to make heel flap.

## Heel flap.

Fck g`%13: Work in St st beginning with a P row ( K the RS rows, P the WS rows ).

Fck `4: K1, k2tog, ssk, k1. ( 4 sts )

## Begin ankle gussets and foot.

PU 3 sts along side edge of heel flap with heel needle ( needle #1 ). ( Needle #1 temporarily holds 7 sts. ) On needle #2: k across instep ( 6 sts ). On needle #3: PU 3 sts from heel-side edge, then k2 sts from needle #1. ( Needles #1 & #3 have 5 sts. Needle #2 has 6 sts. 16 sts total. )

## Ankle gussets and foot ( continued ).

FbX`24: K around.

FbX`25: On needle #1: k3, k2tog. On needle #2: k6. On needle #3: ssk, k3. ( 14 sts )

FbX`26: K around.

FbX`27: On needle #1: k2, k2tog. On needle #2: k6. On needle #3: ssk, k2. ( 12 sts )

FbXg`28!29: K around.

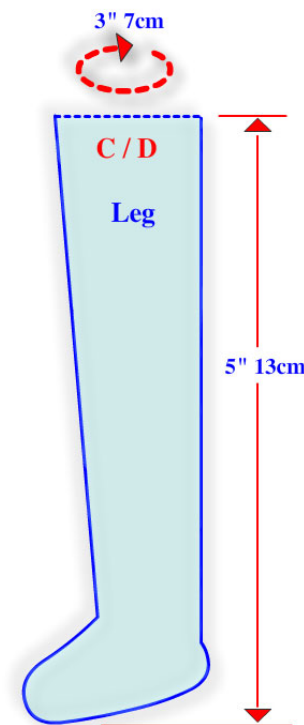
## Begin toe decreases.

FbX`30: On needle #1: k1, k2tog. On needle #2: ssk, k2, k2tog. On needle #3: ssk, k1. ( 8 sts )

FbX`31: K around.

FbX`32: Needles #1, #2, & #3: k2tog.

Cut yarn tail and run through live sts. Pull up and fasten.

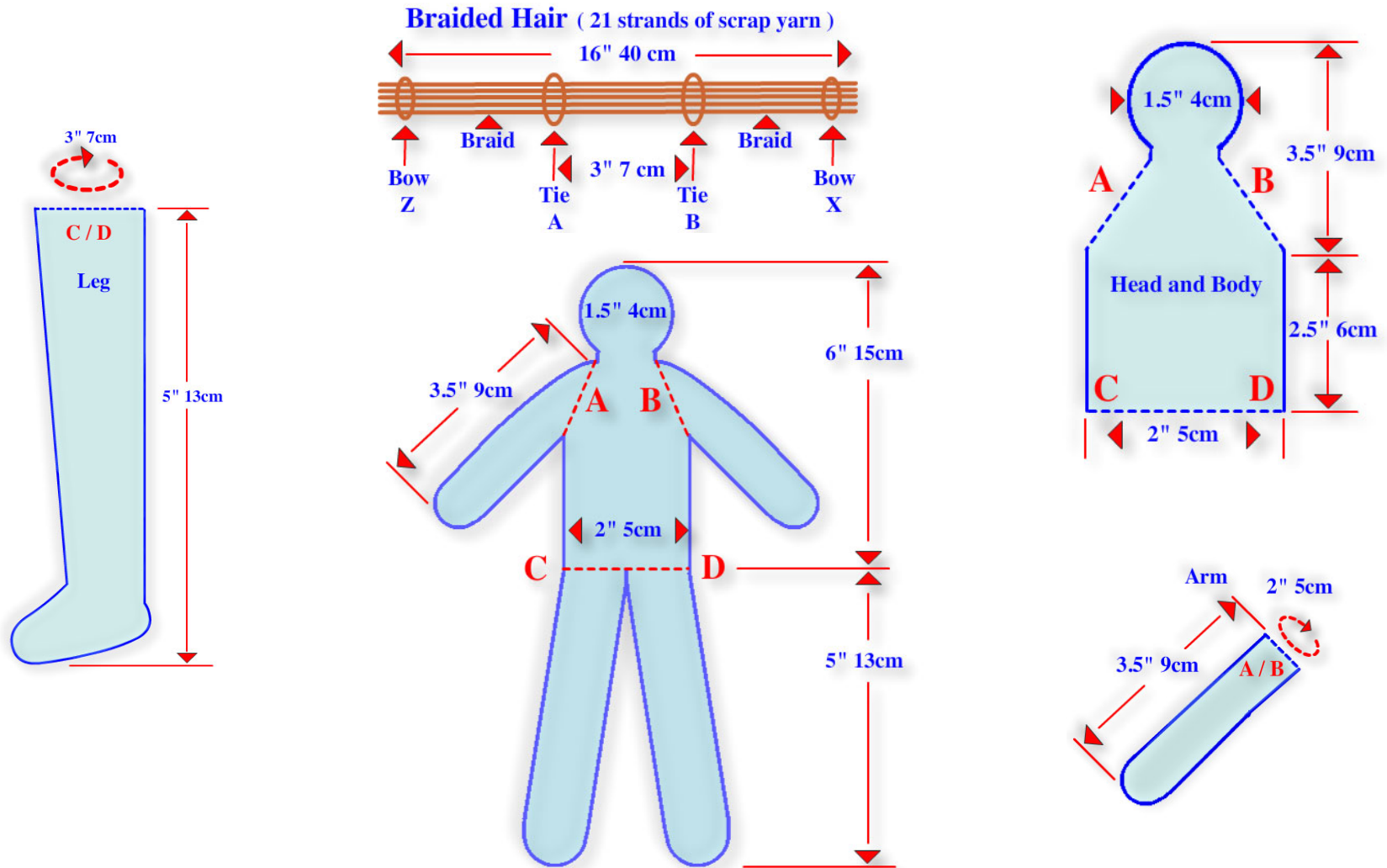


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\*Finishing Instructions for the child folk doll, "Purleen Weaver", on page 5.

## Finishing

**Head and Body:** Placing RS together, sew body and head pieces together. Leave openings at shoulders and hips ( bottom ) for the insertion of arms and legs. Stuff body and head, arms and legs with PolyFill. **Arms:** Insert arms into shoulder openings so that arms hang with the hands facing forward. Sew in place with yarn tails. **Legs:** Insert legs into the body at the bottom opening ( hips ) with the feet facing forward. Sew in place with yarn tails. **Face:** Embroider the mouth and add buttons for eyes ( 3/16 inch, 4 mm ). **Necklace:** Tie 8 inches ( 20 cm ) of ribbon around the neck ( see cover picture ). **Hair:** Cut 21 16-inch ( 40-cm ) strands. Hold the strands together. Tie and tighten 3-inch ( 7-cm ) scrap at A and B ( see diagram ). Braid between Z and A, tie a bow with CC and tighten at Z. Then, braid between X and B ( see diagram ), tie a bow with CC and tighten at X. Trim scrap ends. Attaching the hair is optional. ( I use the hat to hold the hair in place. )



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## Dress. Worked flat and seamed, with MC and CC.

With circular needle and CC, CO 54 sts.

Row 1 ( WS ): K across.

Row 2 ( RS ): P across. Cut CC and pick up MC.

Row 3 ( WS ): P across.

Rows 4-12: Work in St st ( K the RS rows and P the WS rows ).

## Begin the waist and bodice.

Row 13 ( WS ): P2tog across. ( 27 sts )

Row 14 ( RS ): P across. ( creating waist definition )

Row 15 ( WS ): P across.

Rows 16-26: Work in St st. Cut MC and pick up CC.

Row 27 ( WS ): K across.

Row 28 ( RS ): P across.

BO knitwise.

## Shoulder straps. Make 2 in CC.

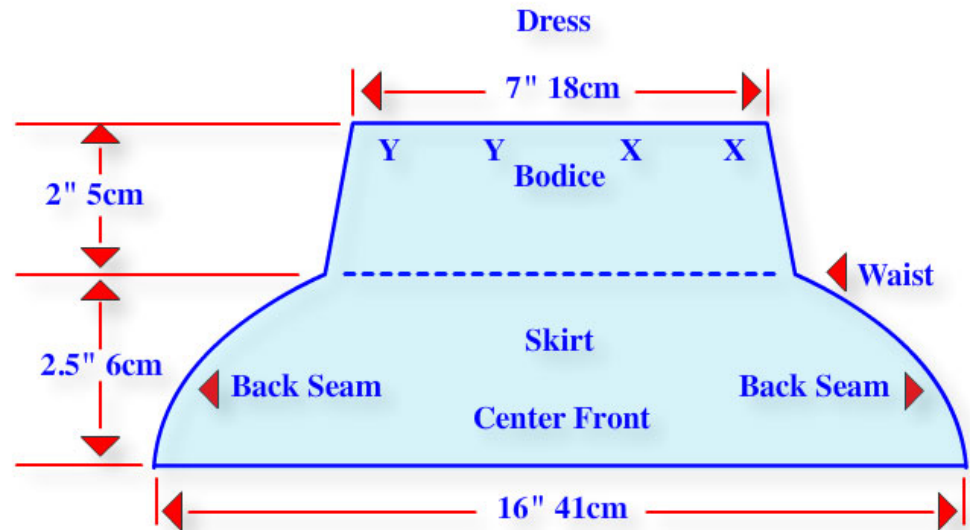
With circular needle, CO 4 sts.

Knit every row for 3 inches ( 7 cms ).

BO.

## Finishing

With right sides together, sew entire back seam. Attach each shoulder strap on the bodice, front to back, Y to Y and X to X ( see diagram ). Weave in ends.



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## Hat. Worked flat and seamed.

With circular needle and CC, CO 44 sts.

**Row 1** ( RS ): K across.

**Rows 2-5:** Work in St st ( K the RS rows, P the WS rows ).

**Row 6** ( WS ): [ P5, p2tog ] across, p2. ( 38 sts )

**Row 7** ( RS ): K across.

**Row 8** ( WS ): [ P4, p2tog ] across, p2. ( 32 sts )

**Row 9** ( RS ): K across.

**Row 10** ( WS ): [ P3, p2tog ] across, p2. ( 26 sts )

**Row 11** ( RS ): K across.

**Row 12** ( WS ): [ P2, p2tog ] across, p2. ( 20 sts )

**Row 13** ( RS ): K across.

**Row 14** ( WS ): [ P1, p2tog ] across, p2. ( 14 sts )

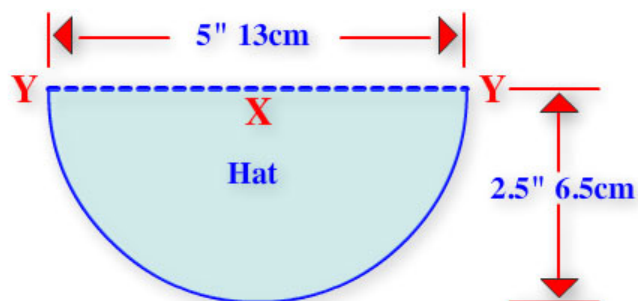
**Row 15** ( RS ): K across.

**Row 16** ( WS ): P2tog across. ( 7 sts )

**Row 17** ( RS ): [ K2tog ] 3 times, k1. ( 4 sts )

## Finishing

Cut yarn tail and pull yarn through remaining sts. Fold hat in half at X with right sides together. Use yarn tail to sew back-seam edges together, allowing hat brim to roll.



## Shoes. Worked flat until toe, then in the round. Make 2.

With 2 DPNs and CC, CO 10 sts.

**Row 1** ( RS ): K across.

**Rows 2-4:** Work in St st starting with a P row ( K the RS rows, P the WS rows ).

**Row 5** ( RS ): K across, Thumb CO 3 sts. ( 13 sts )

**Row 6** ( WS ): P across, Thumb CO 3 sts. ( 16 sts )

**Row 7** ( RS ): K3, k2tog, k6, ssk, k3. ( 14 sts )

**Row 8** ( WS ): P3, p2tog, p4, p2tog, p3. ( 12 sts )

Switch to 4 DPNs for working the toe in the round. On needle #1: place 3 sts. On needle #2: place 6 sts. On needle #3: place 3 sts. Join rnd.

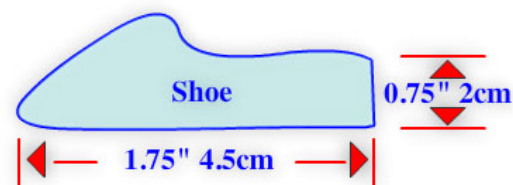
**Rnd 1:** On needle #1: k1, k2tog. On needle #2: ssk, k2, k2tog. On needle #3: ssk, k1. ( 8 sts )

**Rnd 2:** K around.

**Rnd 3:** On needle #1: k2tog. On needle #2: ssk, k2tog. On needle #3: ssk. ( 4 sts )

## Finishing

Cut yarn tail and pull yarn through remaining sts. With yarn needle bring yarn tail to the WS and fasten. Fold the CO edge in half with right sides together to seam the heel. Add embroidered straps ( see photo ).



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