DOLL PATTERN

Materials:

US #3 and #4 needles (preferably 7-8 inch length) Various colored yarns for: face/feet pants/skirt sweater/shirt hair (for girls) face trims (optional)



Polyester fiberfill

Instructions:

With #4 needles and foot color, cast on 32 sts. Work 6 rows in stockinette stitch. Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail. (Note: girls can be done without feet – just skip right to skirt.)

Change color for pants/skirt. Work 16 rows in stockinette stitch. Change color for belt, if desired, or leave the same as pants/skirt and knit two rows. Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail.

Change color for sweater/shirt. Work 13 rows in stockinette stitch. On the next row, P3, P2 tog, (P6, P2 tog) 3 times, P3. Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail.

Change color for face. Using #3 needles, work 10 rows in stockinette stitch. Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail.

For girl: change color for hair. Knit 2 rows in stockinette stitch. Then for each row, decrease as follows: Row 1: (K4, K2 tog) x4, K4 (24 sts)

Row 2 and all even rows except 8: P Row 3: (K3. K2 tog) x4, K4 (20 sts) Row 5: (K2, K2 tog) x4, K4 (16 sts) Row 7: (K1, K2 tog) x4, K4 (12 sts) Row 8: (P2 tog) across row.

For boy: change color for cap. Knit 2 rows (garter stitch) for border. Then decrease as above.

Thread remaining sts onto needle and pull up tight to close top of cap/hair. Sew up back of cap/hair and face. Stuff head with fiberfill.

Run the tail through the last row of the face and pull tightly for neck, finishing off securely.

Run the gathering thread through last row of shirt and last row of pants/skirt but don't pull up tightly yet. Sew up entire back. Stuff with fiberfill. Then pull the gathering threads to make waistline and bottom of pants/skirt; finish off securely.

Sew up seam of feet. Then stitch front to back through both thicknesses of knitting, therefore dividing feet. Stuff one foot. Then fold foot across cast on edge at right angles to the body and sew up. Repeat for other foot.

For boy, define legs by sewing through all thicknesses from feet towards waistline. Define arms for both girl and boy the same way.

<u>Finishing:</u> Embroider face as desired. As you wish, add pompom to cap, ribbons/beads to girls hair, buttons/trims on sweater/shirt, belt, etc.