## too-cute dolls

## what you'll need

## YARN

RED HEART Super Saver,
7oz/198g skeins, each approx
364yd/333m (acrylic)
1 skein each in:
\#774 Light Raspberry (A)
\#312 Black (B)
\#381 Light Blue (C)
\#321 Gold (D)
\#533 Dark Plum (E)
\#778 Light Fuchsia (F)
\# ${ }^{\text {\#254 Pumpkin (G) }}$
\#319 Cherry Red (H)
\#313 Aran (J)
CROCHET HOOK
. Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain the correct gauge

NOTIONS
Six 8 mm plastic doll's eyes

- Two $1 / 2 / 13 \mathrm{~mm}$ shirt buttons
- Red and black six-strand embroidery floss
Black sewing thread
Polyester fiberfill
- Sewing needle

Embroidery needle

- Yarn needle
- Small safety pin

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Super Saver in Light Raspberry

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## SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

## finished measurements

Approx 6"/15cm tall

## gauge

20 sts and 16 rounds to 4 "/10cm over sc using size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook.
Remember to check gauge for best results!
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Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across-20 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. Repeat row 2 fourteen times more. Swatch should measure 4" x 4 "/10 x 10 cm . Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

## notes

1 See "How to make an adjustable ring" sidebar on page 63.
$\mathbf{2}$ When changing colors, draw new color through 2 loops on hook to complete last sc.

RASPBERRY DOLL
head
With A, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 Work 6 sc in ring, do not join, mark last st made with the safety pin; tighten ring. You will now be working in a spiral marking the last st made with the safety pin to indicate end of round.

## Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch chain(s)
hdc half double crochet
sc single crochet
sl st slip stitch
st(s) stitch(es)
[] Repeat the directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

## special

abbreviations
sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Round $\mathbf{2}$ [Work 2 sc in next st] 6 times- 12 sts
Round $\mathbf{3}$ [Sc in next st, work 2 sc in next st] 6 times- 18 sts.

Round $\mathbf{4}$ [Sc in next 2 sts, work 2 sc in next st] 6 times-24 sts.

Round $\mathbf{5}$ [Sc in next 3 sts, work 2 sc in next st] 6 times- 30 sts.

Round 6 [Sc in next 4 sts, work 2 sc in next st] 6 times- 36 sts.

Rounds 7 and 8 Sc in each st around.
Round 9 [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times- 30 sts.
Round $\mathbf{1 0}$ [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times- 24 sts.

Have fun personalizing these dolls-add stripes, change their colors, make your own accessories!

Basic stitches are all it takes to create these little


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Need a refresher on crocheting in the round? Check out Crochet Class on page 14 for lots of helpful how-tos.

Round $\mathbf{1 1}$ [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times- 18 sts.
Round 12 [Sc2tog, sc in next st] 6 times, end sl st in next st dropping safety pin-12 sts. Fasten off leaving a 10 "/25.5cm tail.
body
With A, make an adjustable ring.
Rounds 1-4 Work as for head-24 sts.
Round 5 Working through back loops only, sc in each st around.

Round 6 [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts] 4 times- 20 sts.
Round 7 Sc in each st around.
Round 8 [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts] 4 times- 16 sts.
Round 9 Repeat round 7 .
Round $\mathbf{1 0}$ [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts] 4 times, end sl st in next st dropping safety pin-12 sts. Fasten off leaving a 10 " 25.5 cm tail.
feet (make 2)
With B , make an adjustable ring.
Rounds 1 and 2 Work as for head-12 sts.
Round 3 Sc in each st around.
Round 4 [Sc2tog] 6 times, end sl st in next st dropping safety pin-6 sts. Fasten off leaving a $10 " / 25.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ tail.
arms (make 2)
Beginning at hand, with $B$, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 Work 5 sc in ring, do not join, mark last st made with the safety pin; tighten ring. You will now be working in a spiral marking the last st made with the safety pin to indicate end of round.

Round 2 [Work 2 sc in next st] 5 times-10 sts.
Round $\mathbf{3}$ Sc in each st around.
Round 4 [Sc2tog] 5 times, changing to A-5 sts.
Stuff hand with fiberfill.
Rounds 5 and 6 Repeat round 3.
Round 7 Repeat round 3, end sl st in next st dropping safety pin. Fasten off leaving a 10 " $/ 25.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ tail.
ears (make 2)
With B , make an adjustable ring.
Rounds 1 and 2 Work as for arms-10 sts.
Rounds 3-6 Sc in each st around.
Round 7 Repeat round 3, end sl st in next st dropping safety pin. Fasten off leaving a $10 " / 25.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ tail.
scarf
With C, ch 32.
Row 1 Turn to bottom loops of ch, hdc in 3rd loop from hook and in each loop across. Fasten off.

## finishing

Weave in all loose ends, leaving tails for sewing. Stuff head, body and feet with fiberfill. Lining up the slip stitches of each piece, whipstitch head and body together, taking care to keep the stitches matched up. Whipstitch feet to body. Sew arms to top of body. Sew ears to top of head. Using thread doubled in sewing needle, sew on eyes. Using all six strands of red floss in embroidery needle, embroider a straight stitch mouth as shown. Tie scarf around neck.

## GOLD DOLL

head
Work as for raspberry doll using D.
body
Work as for raspberry doll using E .
feet (make 2)
Work as for raspberry doll using $D$.
arms (make 2)
Work as for raspberry doll, working rounds 1-4 using D , then changing to E at end of round 4 .
ears (make 2)
Work as for raspberry doll using D.
scarf
Work as for raspberry doll using F .
finishing
Work as for raspberry doll.

Know a child who's learning to crochet? Help her make a scarf for one of these little dolls. It's an easy project she'll be proud to accomplish on her own.

## PUMPKIN DOLL

 headWork as for raspberry doll using G.

## body

Work as for raspberry doll using H .
feet (make 2)
Work as for raspberry doll using J .
arms (make 2)
With J, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 Work 5 sc in ring, do not join, mark last st made with the safety pin; tighten ring. You will now be working in a spiral marking the last st made with the safety pin to indicate end of round.

Round 2 [Work 2 sc in next st] 5 times-10 sts.

Round 3 Sc in each st around, changing to H .
Rounds 4-6 Sc in each st around.

Round 7 Repeat round 4, end sl st in next st dropping safety pin. Fasten off leaving a $10 " / 25.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ tail.

## ears (make 2)

Work as for raspberry doll arms, working rounds 1-4 using J , then changing to H at end of round 4 .

## finishing

Weave in all the loose ends, leaving tails for sewing. Stuff head, body, arms and feet with fiberfill. Assemble pieces as for raspberry doll. Using thread doubled in sewing needle, sew on eyes, then sew on buttons on center front of body. Using all six strands of floss in embroidery needle, embroider a red straight stitch mouth and a black eyebrow over left eye as shown.

## How to make an adjustable ring

There are several ways to begin crocheting in the round, but most leave a small hole in the center of the piece. By working your first round of stitches around a ring of yarn instead of around chains, you can cinch that hole closed.

a Wrap the yarn once around the first two fingers of your left hand, holding the working end of the yarn with the fourth and fifth fingers of your left hand. Hold the tail with your right hand, leaving it about $8^{\prime \prime}$ long.
b Transfer the loop from your first two fingers so that you're holding it between the thumb and first finger of your left hand. Adjust your hold on the working yarn so that you are ready to begin crocheting.
c With your right hand, insert your hook through the center of the ring, yarn over, and draw up a loop using the working yarn. Make as many turn-

ing chains as are required for the stitch used in the first round of the pattern.
d Work the first round of stitches through the center of the ring, taking care to leave the yarn tail hanging down.
e When you have completed the first round of stitches, untwist the tail if necessary. Holding the round securely with one hand, pull the tail gently but firmly with the other. The center of the round will be cinched closed.
Crochet the next round as usual, according to your pattern. Before weaving in the initial yarn tail, tighten it again.

