Comfort Dolls Knitting Pattern
Original pattern By William Willabond, Modified by The Studio Staff

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knitting & needlepoint

Finished Size
about 7" tall and 3" wide

Gauge
20 sts in 4" in stockinette stitch

Yarn
Small amounts of worsted weight yarn.

Needles
US 6 (4.0 mm)
or size needed to match gauge

Notions
tapestry needle, polyester fiberfill

Abbreviations and Stitches

K—knit

k2tog—knit 2 stitches together

st(s)—stitch(es)

Stockinette Stitch
Row 1 (RS): Knit all stitches

Construction Notes

The basic method for making each doll is the same. Begin at the feet and knit a rectangle, changing yarn colors for each body segment.

The number of rows in each part of the doll can be increased or decreased depending on the individual design. Finished height of each doll is approx. 7 inches.

Work in stocking stitch throughout (or you can do garter for a shorter/squatter doll)

INSTRUCTIONS
With shoe/feet color, loosely cast on 32 sts, leaving a 12" tail for sewing later.

Shoes/Feet: Work 4 rows of stockinette stitch. Cut yarn.

Pants/Legs: Join pants/legs color yarn and work 14 rows of stockinette stitch. Cut Yarn.

Sweater: Join sweater color yarn and work 12 rows of stockinette stitch. Cut yarn.

Face: Join face color yarn and work 8 rows of stockinette stitch. Cut yarn.

Hat/Hair: Join hat/hair color yarn and work 11 rows of stockinette stitch as follows:
Rows 1-4: Work evenly in stockinette stitch.
Begin Decrases
Row 5: Knit 5, k2tog, *k4, k2tog; repeat from star to last st, k1.
Row 6 and all even rows: Purl all sts.
Row 7: Knit 4, k2tog, *knit 3, k2tog; repeat from * to last st, k1. (22 sts)
Row 9: Knit 3, k2tog, *knit 2, k2tog; repeat from * to last st,, k1. (17 sts)
Row 11: Knit 2, k2tog, *knit 1, k2tog; repeat from * to last st,, k1. (12 sts)
Row 12: Knit 1, k2to, *k2tog; repeat from * to last stl, k1. (7 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail. Insert tapestry needle through remaining stitches, and pull tapestry needle, closing the opening. DO NOT CUT YARN.

FINISHING
Face Details
Stitch on face details in the center of your face rectangle with scraps of yarn. Think about doing French knots for texture or add long stitch if you want to add eyeglasses. Maybe a furry yarn at the join between face and hat for some "hair".

Seam Body
Thread the tapestry needle with the face yarn at the top of the head. Using the invisible seam (mattress stitch), sew the two sides together creating a center back seam. Weave in ends and cut yarn.

Stuff Head
Cut a 18" length of face color yarn. Starting at the center back, insert the needle through the stitches in the first row of the face block, ending at the center back. This is the "neck" yarn. Stuff firmly with polyester fiberfil. Pull the ends of the neck yarn tight and knot them to hold secure. Weave in the ends.

Stuff Body
Cut a 18" length of pants/legs color yarn. Starting at the center back, insert the needle through the stitches in the first row of the pants/legs block, ending at the center back. This is the "ankle" yarn. Stuff firmly with polyester fiberfil. Pull the ends of the ankle yarn to form a curve at the bottom of the pants/legs and knot them to hold secure. DO NOT CUT YARN.

Form Shoes/Feet
Using the tail from the cast-on, sew the bottom of the shoes/feet closed.

Form Legs
With the yarn that formed the ankles, work small back stitches from center back, through the doll to center front, forming an indentation that creates the legs. Work the backstitches from the ankles to a few rows below the color change for the sweater. Secure with a knot and weave in the end.

Form Arms
Cut an 18" lenght of the sweater color yarn. Make small backstitches through all layers from the first fow of the sweater color to 2 rows beneath the neck. Secure with a knot and weave in the end. Repeat for the other arm.

NOTES
Of course, these are guidelines; your creative mind can do great things. You could alter the pattern to make a pirate or a puppy, a Santa or a Siamese cat. Think about adding: braids, a belt, fuzzy hair, metallic accents, ears, dreadlocks, novelty yarn accents, a skirt, bows, beads, etc. Kids love details, so go crazy!