

Boy Toy in Crochet

MATERIALS: J. & P. COATS KNIT-CRO-SHEEN, 2 balls of Beige for Hiram and

J. & P. COATS CROCHET CORD, 1 ball of Dark Orange for Hiram's bair.

J. & P. Coats or Clark's O.N.T. Six Strand Embroidery Floss, 1 skein each of Black and Red.

Steel Crochet Hook No. 4.

3/8 yard of blue material for overalls.

1/4 yard of checkered material for shirt.

6 small buttons.

Cotton batting.

GAUGE: 6 sc make 1 inch; 6 rnds make 1 inch.

Use a double thread throughout.

BODY...Ch 13. 1st rnd: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, 3 sc in last ch (2 sc increased); work along other side of chain making sc in each ch across, 3 sc in last ch (27 sc). 2nd rnd: Sc in each sc around. Repeat the 2nd rnd until Body measures 2 inches in all. On next rnd, inc 3 sc evenly apart (30 sc). Work 2 rnds without increasing. On next rnd, inc 3 sc evenly apart (33 sc). Work without increasing until Body measures $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in all. Break off. Stuff Body very firmly and sew up opening.

NECK AND HEAD... Ch 10. Join. 1st rnd: Sc in each ch around. 2nd rnd: Sc in each sc around.

Repeat 2nd rnd until piece measures 3/4 inch. Place 2 markers each 5 sc apart to indicate sides of face. On next 5 rnds inc 2 sc over each marker—to inc 2 sc, make 2 sc in each of 2 adjacent sc.

Work without increasing until piece measures $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in all. On each of the next 5 rnds, dec 2 sc over each marker—to dec 2 sc, work off 2 sc as 1 sc twice. Break off after the last rnd.

Sew up Head opening, stuff Head and Neck very firmly and sew Neck to Body.

EAR (Make 2) ... Ch 2. 1st row: Sc in 2nd ch from hook. Ch 1, turn. 2nd row: 2 sc in next sc. Ch 1, turn. 3rd row: Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc. Ch 1, turn. 4th row: Work off 2 sc as 1 sc (dec), sc in next sc. Break off. Sew Ears to side of Head.

HAND AND ARM (Make 2) . . . Ch 3. Join. 1st rnd: 6 sc in ring. 2nd rnd: 2 sc in each sc around. 3rd rnd: * Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc. Repeat from * around (18 sc). Work without increasing until piece measures $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in all. On next rnd, work off 2 sc as 1 sc around (9 sc remain). Work without decreasing until piece measures $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in all. Ch 1, turn. Work is now done in rows instead of rnds. 1st row: Sc in each sc across, decreasing the last sc. Ch 1, turn. Repeat the 1st row until 3 sc remain. Break off.

Stuff firmly and sew to Body. Thread a needle with Beige and make a Thumb by sewing 2 sides of Hand tightly together for 6 rnds, ½ inch in from side.

LEG (Make 2) ... Ch 3. Join. 1st rnd: 6 sc in ring. 2nd rnd: 2 sc in each sc around (12 sc). 3rd rnd: * Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc. Repeat from * around (18 sc). 4th rnd: Sc in each sc around.

Repeat the 4th rnd until piece measures $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches in all. Break off. Stuff firmly and sew to Body.

SHOES... With Black Six Strand, ch 3. Join. Work exactly as for Leg until 5 rnds are completed. Break off. Sew to bottom of Leg. Thread a needle with Beige and make ankle 3/4 inch up from Shoe by sewing the front and back of Leg tightly together for 1 row.

HAIR... Cut a piece of paper $2\frac{1}{4} \times 6$ inches long. Then cut 90 strands of Dark Orange each 6 inches long and place them adjacent to each other on top of the paper. Cut another piece of paper and lay it on top of strands. Make 3 rows of machine stitching across the $2\frac{1}{4}$ -inch width to make a part. Remove paper and sew parting of hair to Head. Trim Hair as desired.

With Black, embroider eyes in satin stitch. With Red, embroider mouth in outline stitch.

Clothes are made of straight pieces of material. Make clothes to fit Hiram.

