

Mathilde II.



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Materials:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 13 cm tall.

The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use.

Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension. When crocheting Amigurumis you should use a much smaller needle size than indicated on the label or you would use it for other crochet projects so that no holes are made when the piece is stuffed.

- Wool (Sport Weight), e. g. Schachenmayr Catania/Scheepjes Catona - colors of choice
- Crochet hook in suitable size (with me: 2.0 mm)
- Stuffing
- Eyes in suitable size (with me: 10 mm)

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring	inc = increase
sc = single crochet	dec = decrease
hdc = half double crochet	BLO = back loop only
ch = chain	FLO = front loop only
slst = slip stitch	st = stitch
(-) x = repeat inside of () for x nr of times	

Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.

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Head:

Color of choice A

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
- 9.-16. (8 Rounds) sc in each st around (48)

If using safety eyes attach them between round 13 and 14 with about 16 stitches in between.

17. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
18. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
19. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
20. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
21. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
22. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

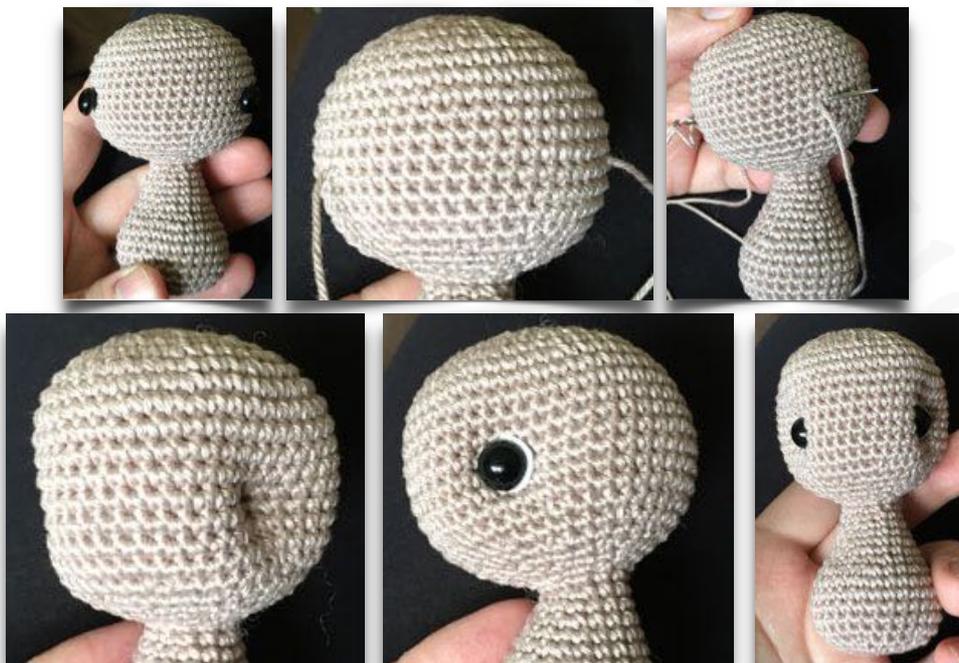
Stuff and shape the head, do not overstuff.

23. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

If not done yet, you can attach the eyes now. If you like, you can shape the head a little first. Mark the spots for the eyes and thread a sturdy thread in a sufficiently long needle. Insert the needle in the first pin, go to the other pin, reinsert offset by a stitch and come out again at the first eye pin, also offset by a stitch (when using safety eyes pierce as close to the eye as possible), gently tighten the thread, knot very well and hide inside the head (see also following photos). If you like, you can "cover" one half of the eye with white thread (the lower or the back one) and embroider eyebrows with thin black thread. I glued some eyelashes directly to the edge of the eye, you can of course also embroider eyelashes or omit them completely, just as you like.

(Don't be confused, the photos show a body, it doesn't exist here.)



Leg (make 4):

Color of choice A

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
- 5.-9. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)
10. dec x4, sc 16 (20)
11. dec x2, sc 16 (18)
12. sc in each st around (18)
13. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
14. sc in each st around (12)

Loosely stuff the foot. The leg should be more flat than round but there should be no dents.

15. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)
16. sc in each st around (9)

Fold the top edge together and mark the stitch in the next fold, sc until you reach the marker. Fold again the top edge together and seam using 4 single crochet along the top edge, crocheting through both stitches.

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Tail:

Color of choice A

1. sc 4 in MR (4)
2. (sc 1, inc) x2 (6)
3. (sc 2, inc) x2 (8)
4. sc in each st around (8)

Fold the top edge together and seam using 4 single crochet along the top edge, crocheting through both stitches.

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Shell pieces - small (make 7):

Color of choice B

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)

Change to color of choice C

5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for connecting. If all seven shell pieces are crocheted, they have to be connected.

You can use the yarn tails for this. All I did was stitch the front loops together. The plates are sewn together as shown in the photo, 5 stitches are sewn together at each joint, so 15 stitches must remain free at the outer line of each plate (90 stitches in total).



Shell plate - big:

Color of choice C

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. (sc 13, inc) x6 (45)

Do not fasten off.

You can attach the legs in 2 ways - crocheting as shown in next step or you have to sew them on later.

Now crochet the upper shell plate made of the 7 small pieces together with the lower plate. To do this, insert hook in the upper shell plate and pull the loop of the lower plate through (the two " nice " sides face outwards). Now ch 1, then insert hook through both plates and sc 1.

VERY IMPORTANT: You have 90 stitches at the upper plate and 45 at the lower one, so you have to insert hook at the upper plate always once, at the lower plate always twice for each stitch - this way the shell shapes.

Now sc around the first small shell piece until 3 stitches are still free, now hdc 1. Crochet in the first leg with the foot pointing backwards (it is important that all feet point in the same direction later on). Crochet the legs with double crochet, so wrap the yarn around the hook, insert hook in the next stitch at the upper plate and in the first stitch of the leg and in the next stitch of the lower plate (keep in mind that the lower plate is inserted twice per stitch) and now finish the double crochet through all three layers. Repeat with the remaining three stitches of the foot, the next stitch should be the third stitch of the second little plate piece, hdc 1 into this stitch. Do the same when you reach the place for the second leg (first stitch of the next little plate piece).



Crochet the tail in the next deepening and the other two legs in the next two deepenings.

Before you finally close it, stuff and shape the shell.

If that doesn't work with crocheting the legs (it's a bit tricky - and I don't know what came over me to do that 😊), you can of course also sew on the legs and the tail from below at the end. Nevertheless, always crochet the half double crochet and double crochet in the appropriate places, just leave out the legs.

Finally, the head is sewn on in the middle at the front, I always use the mattress stitch to make the seam invisible and very stable.

