



Basic Cat Doll  
Dress Up Doll Knitting PDF Pattern Series

## Materials & Tools

\*220 yds of any choice of yarn

\*Set of DPNs (or circulars) compatible with your yarn choice (\*\*see Author's Notes\*\*)

\*3yds DMC cotton thread in complimenting color for embroidering eyes and nose

\*2yds waste yarn cut into quarters  
\*tapestry needle

\*four stitch markers with one being a different color for the BOR

\*high-quality fiberfill of choice

## Author's Notes

\*\*Doll is knitted in the rnd for minimal sewing

\*\*Gauge is not important, but it is suggested to size down one or two needle sizes smaller than the manufacturer's recommendation to ensure a tightly knitted doll, which will have better shaping.

\*\*I've used Cascade 220 aran on sz 5 needles. I chose this yarn purely for the ease of use and the variety of colors available. An alternative I also recommend is Paintbox Yarns Cotton DK (I've used sz 2 DPNs).

\*\*For whichever yarn and needle size you choose to use, it is recommended to keep record of it. You will need to refer

back to it if you choose to make separate outfits or accessories. Note it here:

Yarn: \_\_\_\_\_

Needle Size: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*I highly recommend using the same exact yarn (or one with exact gauge) for clothing to avoid any issues.

\*\*You may choose to use an alternative yarn for the clothing/accessories, but you will need to knit a swatch of the doll yarn on a size larger needle and find a yarn that is gauged the same.

## Terms

k: knit

kfb: knit into front and back of the next st

p: purl

k2tog: knit the next two sts together as one

ssk: slip the next 2 sts separately knit wise, place back on the LH needle and knit together as one through the back

W&T (Wrap and turn): work the specified number of sts, wrap the yarn around the next st without working it, turn with other side of work facing

CDD (Center Double Decrease): slip the next 2 sts together knit wise, knit the next st, pass the 2 slipped sts over the worked st, decreasing 2 sts

CO: cast on the specified number of sts

BO: bind off the specified number of sts

DPNs: double pointed needles

BOR sm: beginning of round stitch marker (the stitch marker that is a different color)

sm: stitch marker

LH needle: left hand needle

RH needle: right hand needle

st(s): stitch(es)

rnd(s): round(s)

## Head

Beginning at back of head, CO 7 sts.  
Place BOR sm, join to continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Rnd 1: [kfb] around (14 sts)

Rnd 2: knit

Rnd 3: [k1, kfb] around (21 sts)

Rnd 4: knit

Rnd 5: [k2, kfb] around (28 sts)

Rnd 6: knit

Rnd 7: [k3, kfb] around (35 sts)

Rnd 8: knit

Rnd 9: [k4, kfb] around (42 sts)

Rnd 10: knit

Rnd 11: [k5, kfb] around (49 sts)

Rnd 12: knit

Rnd 13: [k6, kfb] around (56 sts)

Rnds 14-16: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 17: k19, p5, k8, p5, k19

Rnds 18-20: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 21: k17, ssk, k1, k2tog, k12, ssk, k1, k2tog, k17 (52 sts)

Rnd 22: knit

Rnd 23: k16, ssk, k1, k2tog, k10, ssk, k1, k2tog, k16 (48 sts)

Rnd 24: knit

Rnd 25: k15, ssk, k1, k2tog, k8, ssk, k1, k2tog, k15 (44 sts)

Rnd 26: knit

Rnd 27: k14, ssk, k1, k2tog, k6, ssk, k1, k2tog, k14 (40 sts)

Rnd 28: knit

Rnd 29: k13, ssk, k1, (k2tog)2x, (ssk)2x, k1, k2tog, k13 (34 sts)

Begin to stuff (about 1/2 full), making sure it is not overstuffed and comfortable to knit with. Continue to stuff as you knit, being mindful of shape.

Rnd 30: knit

Rnd 31: [k3, ssk]3x, k4, [k2tog, k3]3x (28 sts)

\*\*if choosing to do muzzle in contrasting color, you would need to begin using it here instead of main color.\*\*

Rnd 32: knit

Rnd 33: k10, ssk, k4, k2tog, k10 (26 sts)

Rnd 34: k1, ssk, [k2, ssk]2x, k4, [k2tog, k2]2x, k2tog, k1 (20 sts)

Rnd 35: [ssk, k4]2x, k2tog, k4, k2tog (16 sts)

Rnd 36: ssk, k2, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2, k2tog (12 sts)

Rnd 37: [ssk]3x, [k2tog]3x (6 sts)

Stuff firmly being mindful of shape (use tweezers if needed). Break tail. Thread onto tapestry needle. Slip through live sts an off needles, tying off at back of head inconspicuously. Weave in ends, darn any holes. Set aside.



Side view:



### Ears (make 2)

Beginning at base of ear CO 20 sts, leaving an 18" tail, and place BOR sm. Join and continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: k4, k2tog, k to end (19 sts)

Rnd 3: knit

Rnd 4: k3, CDD, k7, k2tog, k4 (16 sts)

Rnd 5: knit

Rnd 6: k2, CDD, k to end (14 sts)

Rnd 7: knit

Rnd 8: k1, CDD, k4, CDD, k3 (10 sts)

Rnd 9: [CDD, k2]2x (6 sts)

Break yarn. Slip onto tapestry needle and BO in the rnd. Weave in ends. Do not stuff. Set aside.



Legs: If you would like to incorporate stockings into the legs, please see the “Extras” section below for tips on how to do so. If not, continue on:

### 1st Leg

Beginning at toes, CO 6 sts and place BOR sm. Join and continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: [kfb] around (12 sts)

Rnd 3: knit

Rnd 4: [k2, kfb] around (16 sts)

Rnd 5-13: knit 9 rnds

Work heel in a series of wrap and turns:

Rnd 14: k9, W&T, p2, W&T, k3, W&T, p4, W&T, k5, W&T, p6, W&T, k7, W&T, p8, W&T, knit to end.



Rnds 15: k6, k2tog, ssk, k to end (14 sts)

Rnds 16-23: knit 8 rnds

Rnd 24: k5, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end (16 sts)

Rnds 25-27: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 28: k6, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end (18 sts)

Rnds 29-31: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 32: k3, (kfb)2x, k to end (20 sts)

Rnds 33-42: knit 10 rnds

Rnd 43: k4, (kfb)2x, k to end (22 sts)

Rnds 44-46: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 47: k5, (kfb)2x, k to end (24 sts)

Rnds 48-51: knit 4 rnds

Rnd 52: k6, (kfb)2x, k to end (26 sts)

Rnd 53-57: knit 5 rnds

Finishing 1st leg: k18, BO6, k last st. Slip all of the live sts onto waste yarn, beginning after BO sts as shown below. Break yarn leaving at least an 18” tail. Stuff 3/4 full, being mindful of shape. Set aside. (20 sts)



## 2nd leg

Beginning at toes, CO 6 sts and place BOR sm. Join and continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: [kfb] around (12 sts)

Rnd 3: knit

Rnd 4: [k2, kfb] around (16 sts)

Rnd 5-13: knit 9 rnds

Work heel in a series of wrap and turns:

Rnd 14: k9, W&T, p2, W&T, k3, W&T, p4, W&T, k5, W&T, p6, W&T, k7, W&T, p8, W&T, knit to end.

Rnds 15: k6, k2tog, ssk, k to end (14 sts)

Rnds 16-23: knit 8 rnds

Rnd 24: k5, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end (16 sts)

Rnds 25-27: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 28: k6, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end (18 sts)

Rnds 29-31: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 32: k12, (kfb)2x, k to end (20 sts)

Rnds 33-42: knit 10 rnds

Rnd 43: k13, (kfb)2x, k to end (22 sts)

Rnds 44-46: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 47: k14, (kfb)2x, k to end (24 sts)

Rnds 48-51: knit 4 rnds

Rnd 52: k15, (kfb)2x, k to end (26 sts)

Rnds 53-57: knit 5 rnds

Finishing 2nd leg: k2, BO6, k to end. Slip all of the live sts onto waste yarn, beginning at BO sts, as shown in the previous photo. Break yarn, leaving at least 18" tail. Stuff 3/4 full, being mindful of shape and set aside. (20 sts)



## Arms (make 2)

Beginning at fingertip, CO 6 sts and place BOR sm. Join and continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: [kfb] around (12 sts)

Rnds 3-11: knit 9 rnds

Rnd 12: [k5, kfb]2x (14 sts)

Rnd 13-15: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 16: k6, kfb, k to end (15 sts)

Rnds 17-25: knit 9 rnds

Rnd 26: k7, kfb, k to end (16 sts)

Rnd 27-38: knit 12 rnds

Rnd 39: [k7, kfb]2x (18 sts)

Rnds 40-42: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 43: [k8, kfb]2x (20 sts)

Create shoulder with wrap and turn:

Rnd 44: k17, W&T, p14, W&T, k to end.

Finishing both arms: K to last 2 sts, BO 2 sts, remove the BOR sm,

BO 2 more sts, k to end (16 sts)

Break yarn leaving at least 18" tail. Slip live sts onto waste yarn beginning at BO sts, using the same method as the legs. Stuff arms 3/4 full and set aside.



## Body

Beginning at base of body, CO 6 sts and place BOR sm. Join and continue knitting in the rnd as follows:

Rnd 1: [kfb] around (12 sts)

Rnd 2: Knit

Rnd 3: [kfb] around (24 sts)

Rnd 4: knit

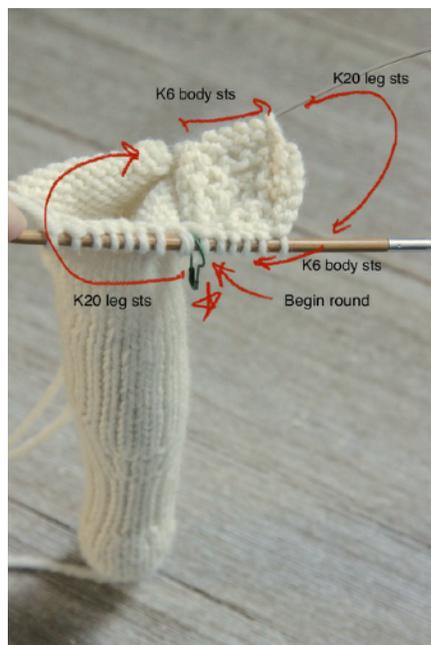
Rnd 5: BO 6, k5 more sts, BO 6, k5 more sts. (12 sts) You will have 6sts together, a gap of 6 BO sts, another 6sts, then another 6 BO sts, as shown below:



## Attaching legs to body

When attaching the legs, the BO sts on base of body will line up with the BO sts on the legs.

Place BOR sm before the first set of BO sts, k20 sts of a leg. Knit 6 sts along body. When you reach the other BO sts, attach other leg knitting the 20 sts, then knit last 6 sts along body back (52 sts)





Rnd 1: \*k19, kfb, k5, kfb; rep from \* (56 sts)

Rnd 2: \*k19, kfb, k7, kfb; rep from \* (60 sts)

Rnd 3: \*k19, kfb, k9, kfb; rep from \* (64 sts)

Rnd 4: \*k19, kfb, k11, kfb; rep from \* (68 sts)

Rnds 5-7: knit 3 rnds

Rnd 8: k9, k2tog, k32, k2tog, k to end (66 sts)

Rnds 9-13: knit 5 rnds

Rnd 14: k9, k2tog, k31, k2tog, k to end (64 sts)

Rnds 15-17: knit 3 rnds

Pause a moment from knitting.  
Using the leg BO sts tail, thread it onto the tapestry needle. Sew the BO sts at the inner thigh and the BO sts at the body base together (kitchener stitch method was used, but any method will work) to close the hole. Doing this will ensure that your stuffing won't fall out

while knitting the remainder the body.



Firmly stuff remainder of legs and begin stuffing body, being mindful of shape. Do not overstuff while knitting to ensure evenness and ease.

### **Waist shaping**

Rnd 18: [k1, k2tog, k1] around (48 sts)

Rnds 19-33: knit 15 rnds

Rnd 34: k5, BO4, k19 more sts, BO4, k to end. Remove BOR sm and knit last 5 sts. You will have 20sts along front of body, 20sts along back of body, with 4 BO sts at each underarm. (40sts)



### **Attaching arms to body**

When attaching the arms, the BO sts on the body will line up with the BO sts of the underarm in the same manner as the legs.

Rnd 1: Place BOR sm before the first set of BO sts, k16 of 1st arm, pm, k20 across body, pm, k16 around 2nd arm, pm, k20 remaining sts of body. (72sts)

Rnds 2-3: knit 2 rnds

### **Shoulder shaping**

Rnd 4 (Decrease rnd): slip sm, \*k1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before sm, ssk, k1, slip sm; rep from \* 3 more times to BOR sm (8 sts decreased)

Rnds 5-6: knit 2 rnds

Rnd 7: repeat decrease rnd (56 sts)

Rnds 8-9: knit 2 rnds

Rnd 10: repeat Decrease rnd (48sts)

Rnd 11: knit

Rnd 12: repeat Decrease rnd (40sts)

Rnd 13: knit

Pause a moment from knitting. Using the tail from the arm BO sts, thread it onto tapestry needle and sew the BO sts at the underarm together in the same manner as the legs. Firmly stuff remainder of arms and continue to stuff body as you knit, not overstuffing while knitting. You will fully stuff before closing it up.

Rnd 14: repeat Decrease rnd (32sts)

Rnd 15: \*k6, slip sm, k1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k1, slip sm; Rep from \* (28sts)

Rnd 16: repeat Decrease rnd (20sts)

Rnd 17: \*k2tog, ssk, slip sm, k2tog, k2, ssk, slip sm; rep from \* (12sts)

Rnd 18 (removing all sm): [k2tog] around (6sts)

Break yarn and thread onto tapestry needle. Slip through live sts and off the needles. Make sure to firmly stuff before closing up, being mindful of shape. To stuff in difficult spots, tweezers may help. Inconspicuously tie off tail and weave in all ends.

Your body should look as follows:



## Making up

### Head

The head has 'darts' created from the decreases. You will use these as a guide for sewing on the ears and face. Those 'darts' will need to be on the top of the head

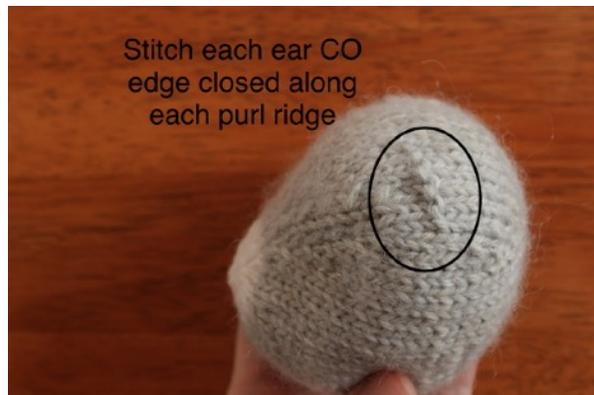


### Ears



With ears lying flat, make sure that the side that naturally cups is facing up.

Sew ears onto head using the purl ridges on the sides of head as a guide. Sew ears centered onto those ridges, using the 'darts' created on the top of the head as a guide.



Face: embroider a face onto head, inconspicuously tying ends off at base of neck, weaving in any ends.



Firmly sew head centered onto the shoulders, facing the direction that the toes are pointing.



There is no tail designed for this doll. If you choose to make an icord tail, it is recommended to keep it very small (<4sts) so it is able to fit inside clothing.

## Extras

Now that you have the doll completed, you can do whatever you choose to make it unique! You can embroider dots, stars, stripes, or flowers on the doll; you can incorporate permanent shirts by simply changing the color. You can double knit into any of the stitches to create a wide variety of spots. You can even use 100% wool to knit them and dye on spots! Get creative!

## Stockings

If you would like to incorporate knee-high stockings, simply begin knitting the leg with the sock color through Rnd 39.

On Rnd 40: using the sock color, k10, then purl the rest of the rnd.

On Rnd 41: P10 with the sock color, then switch to the 'fur' color knitting to end. Continue knitting the rest of the leg as established with the fur color. This is to ensure that the color change will occur on the back of the leg.

Once that's completed, you can choose to incorporate 'knee pads' by simply double knitting into the stitches with any complimenting color, in any small design. Just make sure the knee pads are even and centered.

Get creative and have fun with it!



You can also create a “fuzzy” doll by simply knitting a mohair lace weight yarn at the same time as your wool, knitted together as one. Please note that if you use this method, size up TWO needle sizes when knitting clothing to ensure the best fit.



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