

Erwin

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Materials:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 20 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.

- Wool, e. g. Schachenmayr Catania/Scheepjes Catona - Sport weight: red, white, black and skin color (for me: No. 115, 263 or 255, 110, 106 < — for Erwin; DROPS Muskat - DK, No. 39 for the heart)
- Crochet hook in suitable size (for me: 2.0 mm for Sport weight yarn, 2.5 mm for DK weight yarn, hat and braces)
- Stuffing
- Eyes in suitable size (for me: 10 mm), you may also crochet or embroider the eyes
- 2 little buttons

Abbreviations (US Terms):

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

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

For help with invisible color changes, increases and decreases, please visit the „Tips, Tricks and Tutorials“section on my website www.zhaya.de.

Head:

Skin color

1. sc 9 in MR (9)
2. inc x9 (18)
3. (sc 1, inc) x9 (27)
4. (sc 2, inc) x9 (36)
5. (sc 1, inc) x18 (54) < - *don't be surprised, there is something wavy here, it will be even again later*
- 6.-14. (9 Rounds) sc in each st around (54)
15. sc 9, (sc 2, inc) x9, sc 9 (45)
- 16.-21. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (45)
22. (sc 7, dec) x5 (40)
23. (sc 6, dec) x5 (35)
24. (sc 5, dec) x5 (30)
25. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
26. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

Stuff and shape the head.

27. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
28. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off invisibly.

Nose:

Skin color

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
- 2.-4. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (6)

Close and fasten off invisibly.

Eye (make 2):

White

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

If you don't wanna use plastic or glass eyes, you can crochet the pupil too. Just sc 6 in MR and sew it to the white eye.

Ear (make 2):

Skin color

1. sc 8 in MR (8)
2. inc, sc 4, inc (8) < - *leave the remaining stitches unworked.*

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Hat:

Red

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. (sc 1, inc) x3 (9)
3. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)
- 4.-5. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)
6. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
7. sc in each st around (18)
8. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
9. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
10. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
11. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
12. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
- 13.-16. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (48)
17. *stitch a row deeper in this round (drop single crochet - dsc):* dsc in each stitch around (48)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

All pieces of the head are ready now and if you want you can finish the head here. First the face has to be formed a bit (also see pictures).

Pin the nose a little below the decreases round. Mark the spots for the eyes left and right beside the nose a little above the decreases round. Now mark the spots for the corners of the mouth with pins too. Thread a skin colored yarn or a sewing thread in a tapestry or wool needle (the thread should be strong and not break) and insert it in the centre of the bottom of the head, come out at one of the eye markers, insert again 1 stitch offset and go out at the corner of the mouth below. Insert again 1



stitch offset and come out at the second eye, insert again 1 stitch offset and come out at this corner of the mouth below. At last insert again 1 stitch offset and go back to the starting point at the bottom of the head. Now pull at both ends of the thread until the face is formed (see the last picture), knot well and weave in the ends.

If not done yet, attach the pupil to the eye, pin the eye to the face (the bottom of the eye should touch the decreases round and also each other in the middle. If all is looking good for you, sew eyes and nose to the face. Embroider the mouth with red or pink thread and if you like the eye brows with black or dark brown.

Sew ears on left and right at nose level. Finally put the hat on and sew around with some stitches, weave in the ends.

If you like, you can color the cheeks and maybe the nose too with some pink pastels, crayon, blush or something like that.

The head is ready now. Of course you can make this step later but before sewing the head to the body - it's quite easier.

Body:

Red

1. sc 9 in MR (9)
2. inc x9 (18)
3. (sc 1, inc) x9 (27)
4. (sc 2, inc) x9 (36)
5. (sc 3, inc) x9 (45)
6. (sc 4, inc) x9 (54)
7. (sc 5, inc) x9 (63)
8. **BLO**: sc in each st around (63)
- 9.-19. (11 Rounds) sc in each st (63)

slst 1

20. a) **FLO**: ch 1, sc in each st (1st sc in the same st as the slst)

Join the round with a slst into 1st stitch,
Fasten off invisibly.

Join new with white yarn in BLO of the previous round.

20. b) **BLO**: sc in each st around (63)
- 21.-23. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (63)
24. (sc 5, dec) x9 (54)
- 25.-26. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (54)
27. (sc 4, dec) x9 (45)
- 28.-29. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (45)
30. (sc 3, dec) x9 (36)
31. sc in each st around (36)
32. (sc 2, dec) x9 (27)

slst 1

33. a) **FLO**: ch 1, sc in each st around (here again: 1st sc in the same st as the slst)

Join the round with a slst into 1st stitch, Fasten off invisibly.

Join new with skin colored yarn in BLO of the previous round.

33. b) **BLO**: ch 1, sc in each st around (27)
34. (sc 7, dec) x3 (24)
35. sc in each st around (24)

Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Stuff and shape the body and sew with the end thread the head to the body (using mattress stitch best).



Arm (make 2):

White

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 4.-6. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

slst 1

7. a) **FLO**: ch 1, sc in each st around (same here again: 1st sc in the same st as the slst) (18)

Join the round with a slst into 1st stitch, Fasten off invisibly.

Join new with skin colored yarn in BLO of the previous round.

7. b) **BLO**: sc in each st around (18)
8. sc in each st around (18)
9. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)
- 10.-16. (7 Rounds) sc in each st around (15)
17. (sc 3, dec) x3 (12)
18. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)
19. (sc 3, inc) x3 (18)
- 20.-21. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

Stuff and shape arm and hand.

Fingers are following now. I've made the fingers in the way shown in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JALEPBcJ87E>

1st finger:

22. a) sc 2, insert hook in 3rd and 16th stitch and sc 1, turn, again in 16th stitch and sc 1, sc 2 (6)

- 23.-24. a) (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (6)

Cut the yarn, stuff the finger or put some pipe cleaner in (fold the ends of the pipe cleaner down and twist it). Thread the yarn tail in a needle and go through each front loop of the last row, draw it to close the hole, fasten off invisibly.

2nd finger:

Join new with the same yarn in the next stitch of the hand:

22. b) sc 2, insert hook in 6rd and 13th stitch and sc 1, turn, again in 13th stitch and sc 1, sc 2 (6)

- 23.-25. b) (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (6)

Finish the finger same way as the first finger.

3rd finger:

Join new with the same yarn in the next stitch of the hand:

- 22.-24. c) (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (6)

Finish this finger too.

Thumb (make 2):

Skin color

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. (sc 2, inc) x2 (8)
3. sc 5, inc x3 (11)
4. sc 1, **BLO**: slst 4, in both loops again: sc 6 (11)

Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Stuff the thumb.

Be aware to place the thumbs at the right place for each hand. Each thumb should be a little on the inner side of the hand. Attach the arms to the body.



Braces (make 2):

Red

You'll crochet an oval here.

You may have to adapt the length.

Leave a longer starting thread for sewing.

1. ch 34, starting in 2nd chain from hook: sc 32, sc 3 in the last st, rotate 180 degrees and crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc 31, sc 2 in the last st, join round with a slst into the first sc.

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing. Sew on the braces and buttons as shown at the picture.



Foot / Leg (make 2):

Black

You'll start with an oval again.

HINT: *Crochet a tighter foundation chain as usual or use the 3rd loop at the back of the chain (second way is the best way to avoid holes). If you do so there will be no holes in the fabric later.*

1. ch 9, starting in 2nd chain from hook: sc 7, sc 3 into last st, rotate 180 degrees and crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc 6, sc 2 into last st (18)
2. inc, sc 6, inc x3, sc 6, inc x2 (24)
3. sc 1, inc, sc 6, (sc 1, inc) x3, sc 6, (sc 1, inc) x2 (30)
4. sc 2, inc, sc 6, (sc 3, inc) x3, sc 6, (sc 2, inc) x2 (36)

5. **BLO:** sc in each st around (36)
- 6.-9. (4 Round) sc in each st around (36)
10. sc 10, dec x6, sc 14 (30)
11. sc 8, dec x6, sc 10 (24)
12. sc 8, dec x3, sc 10 (21)
13. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)
- 14.-15. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

slst 1

16. a) **FLO:** ch 2, hdc 1 in the same st, hdc 17 (18)

Join the round with a slst into 1st stitch, Fasten off invisibly.

Join new with red yarn in BLO of the previous round.

16. b) **BLO:** sc in each st around (18)

17. sc in each st around (18)
18. (sc 5, inc) x3 (21)
- 19.-20. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (21)
21. (sc 6, inc) x3 (24)
- 22.-23. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)

Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Stuff and shape the legs and pin it to the body. If it looks good for you sew them on.

Erwin is ready now. Erwin can be used on many occasions, e.g. on Valentine's Day with a heart. Also possible as a lucky charm with a cloverleaf, for Christmas or birthday with a gift pack and and and and...

If you still feel like it, you can crochet a heart. This heart has a less common shape, if you prefer the traditional shape, you can crochet one round with and one round without decreases.

Heart:

Color of choice

First crochet the two "bonnets" of the heart, so crochet the next part twice. Fasten off the first part, don't fasten off the second one.

1. sc 7 in MR (7)
2. inc x7 (14)
3. (sc 1, inc) x7 (21)
4. (sc 2, inc) x7 (28)
5. (sc 3, inc) x7 (35)
6. (sc 4, inc) x7 (42)
- 7.-9. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (42)

In the following round both parts are connected. For this, insert hook in the last stitch of the first finished bonnet from the inside outwards and pull through the loop of the second bonnet, ch 1.

10. sc 1 into the same stitch, sc 40, insert hook through both parts again and sc 1, sc 42 around the second bonnet (if you haven't exactly 84 stitches at the end - it's no problem, you can correct it in the next round by increasing or decreasing stitches) (84)
11. sc in each st (84)
12. (sc 10, dec) x7 (77)
13. sc in each st around (77)
14. (sc 9, dec) x7 (70)
15. (sc 8, dec) x7 (63)

16. (sc 7, dec) x7 (56)
17. (sc 6, dec) x7 (49)
18. (sc 5, dec) x7 (42)
19. (sc 4, dec) x7 (35)
20. (sc 3, dec) x7 (28)
21. sc in each st around (28)
Stuff and shape the heart.
22. (sc 2, dec) x7 (21)
23. (sc 1, dec) x7 (14)
24. sc in each st around (14)
Stuff again.
25. dec x7 (7)
26. sc in each st around (7)
Fasten off invisibly.

