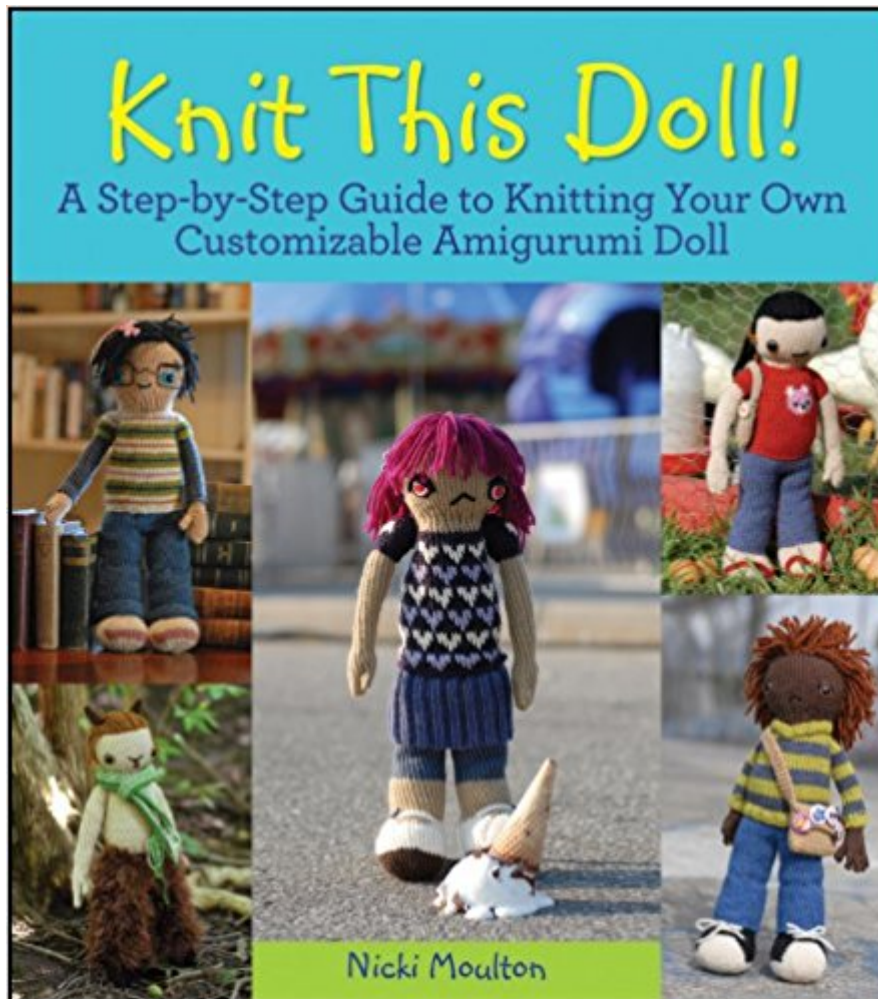


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# Knit This Doll!: A Step-by-Step Guide To Knitting Your Own Customizable Amigurumi Doll



## Synopsis

Discover the most adventurous way to knit dolls! Amigurumi is the Japanese hobby of creating dolls and anthropomorphic stuffed animals with an anime aesthetic. Long popular in Asia, amigurumi are on an upward trajectory in the U.S. as more crafters discover this unique form of artwork. Now, two great hobbies—amigurumi and knitting—come together brilliantly in *Knit This Doll!* Adventurous knitters of all skill levels can test their own creativity as they work their way through menus of options to create truly one-of-a-kind dolls. Each step of the way knitters by selecting skin tones, hair styles, various attributes and even making removable shoes, sweaters, hats, skirts, jeans, and more. Combines knitting with the Japanese hobby amigurumi! Basic pattern for a large, 15-inch doll, with a range of detail options and accessories to make countless combinations of original dolls. No two will be alike! Illustrated, step-by-step instructions included throughout. Can you think of a more original way to knit? Grab your knitting needles, unleash your imagination, and get ready to *Knit This Doll!*

Sample Pattern: Military Doll (Click image to view pattern)      Military Doll Pattern (Click to view pattern)

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## Customer Reviews

Who wouldn't want to knit at least one of these charming little dolls? Construction is simple: (1) knit two tubes for feet and legs, (2) join them into a single tube for body and head, and (3) knit two tubes for hands and arms, and sew them to the body. You add stuffing as you go, and the variations are endless! Your child can go through the photos and create a custom doll, by selecting from different

feet (such as laced tennis shoes, snow boots, Mary Janes, flip-flops), legs (torn jeans, pants, mini-skirts), tops (turtleneck, polo shirt, decorated t-shirts), hands and arms (with or without fingers, short or long sleeves), and hair styles (straight, wild, bicolor-dyed, braids). Skin tones are determined by your choice of suggested yarn colors. The dolls' clothing is usually knitted in (as part of the body tube). However, there are patterns for essential accessories (such as a hoodie, dress, purses, hats, and scarves). If your child loves fantasy, you can use the instructions for varying the basic doll pattern to create a mermaid, angel, cat, bear, vampire, or other creature. The book includes simple forms to fill in to designate which feet, legs, torso, face, arms, and extras are to go into your child's personal doll. All of the instructions are clear and easy to follow. Each doll is about 14 inches high. (I estimated this by adding up pattern rows and dividing by the author's row gauge.) The basic doll takes about 220 yards of worsted weight yarn, knitted at a gauge of 5 stitches and 7 rows to the inch on US 7 double-pointed needles. (Achieving exact gauge isn't important, because toys don't have to fit anyone.) Accessories require additional yarn, in small amounts, and of course you will need more than one color of yarn (for skin tones and clothing). However, you can get great results with inexpensive yarns: the sample dolls are knitted with Cascade and Wool of the Andes yarns.

This is the most imaginative, fun book for knitting I've seen! I work in our local library and everyone who sees this book just raves about it. It is a treat for the eyes and reasonably priced. No detail is neglected in these AMAZING creatures! Never before have you seen such vivid creativity in knitted form. Nicki's dolls virtually come to life with unique and precise features like torn jeans, accessories, whiskers, and piercings. What fun! Get them needles out, folks, and KNIT THIS DOLL!!!~Deb Moulton, mother-in-law

This is a cute book based around a figure that reminds me of a muppet. The author then encourages you to customise it with different ideas for clothing, hairstyles and accessories. You can even go further and turn it into some other creature and details are given for a cat, dog, bear, mermaid, faun, angel...Haven't yet knitted one; I see it's more complex than it looks involving knitting in the round, so be warned.

This book is very comprehensive. It is well laid out and the directions are detailed, with good supporting photographs. Look closely at the cover photos before purchasing, because this is style of doll that you will be knitting. There is lots of variety in clothing, and I especially like the variety of hair

styles. It is my impression that these dolls are aimed more at teens and adults than kiddies, but that might just be my interpretation. Certainly the dolls pictorially represent preteens and teenagers. There is very little sewing-up required, since these patterns require knitting in the round with 3 double-pointed needles. If you are not confident with this technique, don't let it discourage you -- the step-by-step pictures are excellent and you may be able to learn with no difficulty at all. I personally prefer to knit in the round with the Magic Loop technique; the directions can be adapted.

This is such a neat book to have. It is just like the description says: you can make custom dolls from head to toe by mixing up the different patterns throughout the book for the hair, face, clothes, accessories, etc.!

I made this doll for my granddaughter, I made her really retro. My granddaughter just loves it, and so did my daughter, who now wants one too. The instructions are very easy to understand. I'm on my way making more for my family.jbkazooty

I'm having problems with the feet. I started by making a generic doll, but I can't seem to understand the part where it says to "repeat round 12 until you end up with 2 stitches between the markers". Can someone please help me?

Very versatile and easy to individualize for a special child. Instructions are easy to follow, even for the beginning knitter. Would recommend to others.

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