

Miniature knitted remarkable women

These are dolls house size models, NOT toys, so they are NOT suitable for children

I knitted these 'in the round' using 4 needles so that I did not have side seams to sew.

By working in this way, all the stitches were worked in knit.

I used whatever yarn I had in the correct colour, this was mainly double knitting, and 2.5mm double ended needles.

Version 1 with separate head, body and arms

eg Lily Parr, Elizabeth Fry, Boudicca, Helen Sharman CMG, OBE, Rosalind Franklin

Legs and body, starting at the feet

Cast on 15 stitches

3 rows shoe colour

10 rows leg colour

11 rows body colour

Decrease row for the neck (k1, k2 tog) across stitches

Cut yarn and pull through all stitches

Neaten any joins of yarn by trimming and push the ends inside the body

Join foot seam

Stuff feet/legs/body

Pull the yarn tight at neck and join the neck seam as a circle

Sew a line of running stitches along the length of the legs and feet to make them look separate

Arms, starting at the shoulder – make 2

Cast on 9 stitches

10 rows arm colour

2 rows hand colour

Decrease row (k1, k2 tog) across stitches

Cut yarn and pull through all stitches

Neaten any joins of yarn by trimming and push the ends inside the body

Neaten any joins of yarn by trimming and push the ends inside the arm

Join hand seam

Stuff arms

Pull the yarn together loosely at shoulder and join the seam as a circle

Sew on to the body

Head

Cast on 10 stitches

Increase row (kfb) across all stitches

Knit 10 rows

Decrease row (k2 tog) across all stitches

Cut yarn and pull through all stitches

Pull the yarn tight and join the seam as a circle

Stuff the head

Join the seam as a circle

Sew on to the body



To finish

Sew the eyes and mouth. I sewed these from the back of the head, using embroidery thread

Sew hair. I used double knit, 3ply and embroidery thread. Boudicca's hair was vintage 1930s embroidery thread which was ready 'kinked' Accessories. Knit hats, shawls, skirts, bags etc and sew in place.

Make jewellery from wire and glue in place (I used superglue gel for this)
Add dolls house / key ring / cracker accessories by sewing or gluing in place



Version 2 all in one head, body and arms

Eg Amy Johnson, Beryl Cook OBE, Emeli Sande MBE, Meera Syal CBE

Cast on 21 stitches

3 rows shoe colour

10 rows leg colour

Increase row body colour (kfb) across all stitches

11 rows body / arm colour

Decrease row (k1, k2 tog) across stitches

11 rows head colour

Decrease row (k2 tog) across all stitches

Cut yarn and pull through all stitches

Neaten any joins of yarn by trimming and push the ends inside

Join foot seam

Stuff

Pull the yarn tight and join the seam as a circle

Sew a line of running stitches round the neck and pull tight to make the neck.

Sew a line of running stitches along the length of the legs and feet to make them look separate

Sew lines of running stitches along the length of the arms and hands to make them look separate



Finish as for the other miniature dolls

