

Crochet your own Betty White!

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Have you longed to sit around a kitchen table, binging on cheesecake with your elderly best friends?

Do you wish someone would tell you stories from their days in St. Olaf?

Wonder what it would be like to relax on a lanai?

Then maybe you need a crochet Betty White.



Now, we all know Betty White has gotten really popular lately, thanks to the Facebook campaign to have her host "Saturday Night Live." But to me, she'll always

be the charmingly naive Rose from "The Golden Girls." And that's how I've designed her here -- with her fuzzy blond hair, chinos and sensible aqua cardigan, suitable for a day volunteering or a date with Miles!

Materials:

size F crochet hook

Small amounts of worsted weight yarn in peach (a), aqua (b) tan (c) and black (d)

polyester stuffing

black beads for eyes

small amount of light yellow roving

tapestry needle

three small buttons

regular sewing needle

black and blue thread

glue gun

small piece of white material

pink marker

Head

With yarn A

Row 1 - ch 2, 6sc in 2nd chain from hook, sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.

Row 2 - 2sc in each sc around, sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn

Row 3 - *2sc in first st, 1 sc in next, repeat from * around. sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.

Row 4 - *2sc in first sc, 1 sc in next 2sc, repeat from * around. sl st to first sc, ch 1.

Turn.

Row 5 thru 7 -sc in each stitch around. sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.

Row 8 - *sc2tog, 1sc in next 3sc, repeat from * around. sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.

Row 9 - *sc2tog, 1sc in next 2 sc, repeat from * around. sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.

Row 10 - *sc2tog, 1 sc in next sc, repeat fro * around. FO, leave a tail for sewing.

Stuff firmly.

Body

With yarn B

Row 1 - ch2, 6sc in 2nd chain from hook, sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.

Row 2 - 2sc in each sc around, sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn

Row 3 - *2sc in 1st sc, 1 sc in next, repeat from * around. sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.

Row 4 through 12 - sc in each stitch around, sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn. FO.

Row 13 - Change to yarn C. sc in each stitch around, sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.

Row 14 - sc in each stitch around, sl st to fist sc, ch 1. Turn.

Row 15 - *sc2tog, 1 sc in next 2 sc, repeat from * around. sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.

Row 16 - *sc2tog, 1 sc in next sc, repeat from * around. sl st to first sc. FO, leaving a tail for sewing.

Legs (Make 2)

With Yarn C

Row 1 - ch 2, 6sc in 2nd chain from hook, sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.

Row 2 thru 7 - sc in each stitch around, sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.
Row 8 - Change to yarn D. sc in each stitch around, sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.
Row 9 - sc in first four stitches, 2sc in next stitch, 3sc in next stitch, 2sc in next stitch, sc in last five stitches.
Row 10 - sc in each stitch around, sl st in first sc, ch 1. Turn.
Row 11 - *sc2tog, repeat from * around. sl st to first sc. FO, leaving a tail for sewing.

Arms (Make 2)

With Yarn B

Row 1 - ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook, sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.
Row 2 through 7 - sc in each stitch around, sl st in first sc, FO.
Row 8 - Change to yarn A. sc in each stitch around. sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.
Row 9 - sc in each stitch around. sl st to first sc, ch 1. Turn.
Row 10 - *sc2tog, repeat from * around. sl st to first sc. FO, leaving a tail for sewing.

Finishing

With needle and black thread, sew beads on face for eyes. Cut white fabric into a wide smile, then color on lips with marker. With glue gun, apply mouth to face.
With tapestry needle, sew head, arms and legs to body.
With needle and blue thread, sew buttons on cardigan.
Form roving into a wispy hair style -- this may take a few tries. I made it into two separate pieces, then combed it around in back. Attach the coif to her head with glue gun.
Engage your Betty in some serious girl talk!