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Mini Longest Day Soldier with rifle – 5” high (12cm) designed specifically for The Longest Yarn Project by Jenny Shepperd & Diana Peacock

Needles – 3.25mm & 2.75mm, crochet hook for making chin strap

DK Hayfield Bonus - Olive Green

Oddments of dark brown

Stylecraft Special – Toy

Stuffing

Pipe cleaners/chenille sticks or wire

For Rifles

icord – bamboo needles 2.5mm

Black & brown yarn, flat headed cocktail stick

Tension

Unimportant just make sure it's tight enough to ensure stuffing doesn't show through.

Body – 3.25mm needles

CO 4 Stitches in green yarn

Row 1 – Inc K wise every stitch – 8 Stitches

Starting with P row, work 15 rows in St-st

Leave stitches on safety pin

Work second leg in the same way as the first

With right side facing, K across 8 stitches of second leg and then 8 stitches of first leg – 16 Stitches

St-st 7 rows

Break off yarn and join colour for top of body

St-st 8 rows – (All 15 rows can be done in green if preferred)

Break off yarn and join in flesh colour for head

St-st 10 rows

Next row – (K2 tog) to end- 8 stitches

Break off yarn and leave long end, thread on needle and through these stitches. Do not pull tightly at this stage. Join row ends of each leg and then join body & head seam leaving top of head open, turn right side out, stuff legs, then body and head. Put wire or pipe cleaner down legs and bring out through bottom of legs to include the boots later. Pull up yarn tightly of head and fasten off, tie a strand round the neck and tighten

Jacket body – 3.25mm needles

CO 26 stitches in Green

Knit 2 rows

Next row - K2 P to last 2 stitches K2

Next Row K

Repeat last 2 rows 5 more times

Next row – K2 Purl to last 2 sts – K2

Next row K2 (K2 tog) to last 2 stitches K2 – 15 stitches

Collar – Change to 2.75mm needles

K1 (inc 1, K2) to last 2 Stitches inc 1, K1 (20 sts)

Starting with P row

St st 2 rows

Cast off

Sew onto body joining down the front with an overlap on Garter Stitch

Arms – make 2 – 3.25mm needles

Using flesh CO 3 stitches

Row 1 – Increase knit wise into every stitch – 6 stitches

Begin with purl row st -st 3 rows

Join green yarn, st-st 14 rows

Cast off

Sew row ends and stuff

Sew arms to each side of body with jacket on – lift collar and sew under this squashing top of arm flat – sew at angle for marching)

Hat - Size 2.75mm needles

In Green - CO 36 stitches (tightly), knit 1 row

Next row – (p2 tog) to end – 18 stitches

Beginning with a knit row st-st 5 rows.

Next row –(P2tog) to end – 9 stitches

Break off yarn and thread through the remaining stitches, then pull tight and fasten off and sew up seam

Chin Strap

Crochet 20 chains

Attach to hat

Boots – make 2 – Size 3.25mm needles – (Black boots for British Soldiers)

Begin at top edge

In black cast on 13 sts

Beg with knit row, st-st 2 rows

Next row – k5, inc in next 3 sts, k5 (16sts)

Next row - purl

Next row – k5,(K2tog) 3 times, K 5 (13sts)

Cast off

Join row ends and cast off edges – stuff toes and sew onto bottom of the legs angling wire to push through toe end

Belt – 3.25mm needles

In brown – Cast on 26 sts

Cast off

Sew around middle of jacket

Knapsack - 3.25mm needles

In green

Cast on 10 sts

St-st 20 rows

Next row - K2tog, k6, K2tog

Next Row – P2tog, p2, p2tog

Cast off

Pocket

Cast on 5 sts

St-st 4 rows

Cast off

Fold backpack in half to dec – sew up seams, stuff well , sew up overlap – use sew up wool to create backpack straps

Sew on pocket at bottom of backpack and stuff

Satchel – 3.25mm needles

In green

Cast on 8 sts

St-st 15 rows

Cast off

Fold in 3 so there is a small turn over at the top – sew up (do not stuff)

Make a crochet chain of about 15 chains – attach to each side of top of satchel – place around neck – stitch bag slightly to the side

Gun – icord – bamboo needles 2.5mm

CO 4 in black

3 rows

Change to Brown – 10 Rows

K2 M1 K2 - 5 Stitches

2 rows

K2 M1 K1 M1 K2 – 7 stitches

4 rows

Cast off

Use a flat headed cocktail stick, cut to size, through the middle of the icord

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The interest is incredible, educational, the thirst for knowledge, the historical accuracy in details of uniforms, vehicles, battles, medals won etc. Is absolutely spot on as we recruited a couple of historians to check everything.