R I T A T H E R A B B I T



WHEN I FELL INTO THAT RABBIT HOLE THE OTHER DAY, I CAME BACK WITH ANOTHER FREEBIE ESPECIALLY FOR ALL OF YOU, WHO ALREADY OWN ONE OF THE LALYLALA DOLL PATTERNS!

Let's follow the white rabbit again and crochet yourself this lovely bunny named RITA! All you need is one of the lalylala doll patterns for the basic doll body (like BINA, KIRA, DIRK or any other hooded lalylala doll who's coming with legs ;) and the following ears and -tail instructions. But what's a bunny on Easter without some motley eggs? ... right! - very sad!!! So take those Easter eggs too to make your bunny happy!

MATERIAL YOU'LL NEED FOR THE BUNNY PARTS

one of the lalylala dolls patterns (like BINA, KIRA, DIRK or any other hooded lalylala doll who's coming with legs ;) for the basic doll body
tapestry needley
a crochet hook matching your yarn
approx. 20g more of your main color yarn you've done the doll with (my RITA is made from 2 skeins SMC Catania color N°105)
a little bit of soft stuffing or yarn rests to stuff the tail
Anchor stranded embroidery floss colors # 48, 55, 57, 65, 255, 264, 268 for the rose

MATERIAL YOU'LL NEED FOR THE EASTER EGGS

tapestry needle
a crochet hook matching your yarn
some yarn in bright colours for the eggs
soft stuffing or yarn rests to stuff the eggs
You can use any yarn weight you prefer! bigger yarn = bigger eggs ... yeah!

I choose different colors of SMC Catania (4 ply) on a 2,5 mm (US 1 ½) crochet hook.

ABBREVIATIONS (US CROCHET TERMS)

dec = decrease - sc next 2 stitches together
inc = increase - sc in indicated stitch 2 times
rnd(s) = round(s)
sc = single crochet stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)
[...] ...x = repeat instructions in brackets ... times
(...) = number of stitches after this round

LET'S MAKE SOME BUNNY EARS

Start the ears with a magic loop.
You'll work in spirals without joining the rounds.

01. [sc] 4x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop (4)
02. [inc] 4x (8)
03. [sc, inc] 6x (12)
04. sc, inc, [sc 2, inc] 3x, sc (16)
05. [sc 3, inc] 4x (20)
06. sc 2, inc, [sc 4, inc] 3x, sc 2 (24)
07. [sc 5, inc] 4x (28)
08.-14. (7 rnds) [sc] across (28)
15. [dec, sc 12] 2x (26)
16.-18. (3 rnds) [sc] across (26)
19. [dec, sc 11] 2x (24)
20.+21. (2 rnds) [sc] across (24)
22. [dec, sc 10] 2x (22)

23.+24. (2 rnds) [sc] across (22)
25. [dec, sc 9] 2x (20)
26.+27. (2 rnds) [sc] across (20)
28. [dec, sc 8] 2x (18)
29.+30. (2 rnds) [sc] across (18)
31. [dec, sc 7] 2x (16)
32.+33. (2 rnds) [sc] across (16)
34. [dec, sc 6] 2x (14)
35.+36. (2 rnds) [sc] across (14)
Leave a long tail to sew the ears onto the hood, break the yarn and fasten off. Half way done - Now make another ear!

EMBROIDERED CROSS STITCH ROSE

Use the following chart to embroider the rose onto RITAs belly. Since you've crocheted several increases and decreases to shape the body, you have to pass some spots where the cross-stitches can't be made exactly one above the other and you have to improvise a bit.

BI-BA-BUNNY TAIL

The bunny tail is a simple sphere. You start the tail with another magic loop. You'll work in spirals without joining the rounds.
01. [sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop (6)
02. [inc] 6x (12)
03. [sc, inc] 6x (18)
04. sc, inc, [sc 2, inc] 5x, sc (24)
05. [sc 3, inc] 6x (30)
06.-08. (3 rnds) [sc] across (30)
09. [dec, sc 3] 6x (24)
10. sc, dec, [sc 2, dec] 5x, sc (18)
11. [dec, sc] 6x (12)
12. [dec] 6x (6)
Leave a long tail to sew the tail onto the body later, break the yarn and fasten off.
You can find a perfect way to fasten off at the end of the easter egg's instructions.

WHAT ABOUT SOME EASTER EGGS NOW?

Make another magic loop - work in spirals without joining rounds:
01. [sc] 4x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop (4)
02. [inc] 4x (8)
03. [sc, inc] 6x (12)
04. sc, inc, [sc 2, inc] 3x, sc (16)
05. [sc 3, inc] 4x (20)
06. sc 2, inc, [sc 4, inc] 3x, sc 2 (24)

Pull the remaining yarn tail from the beginning through the center of the magic loop to outside the egg's tip - you'll need it to flatten the tip later.

07. [sc 5, inc] 4x (28)

08. sc 3, inc, [sc 6, inc] 3x, sc 3 (32)

09. [sc 7, inc] 4x (36)

10.-14. (5 rnds) [sc] across (36)

Break the first yarn and join another yarn in a color of your choice:

15.-18. (4 rnds) [sc] across (36)

19. sc 2, dec, [sc 4, dec] 5x, sc 2 (30)

20. [dec, sc 3] 6x (24)

21. sc, dec, [sc 2, dec] 5x, sc (18)

Stuff the egg with yarn rests or soft stuffing before you go on.

22. [dec, sc] 6x (12)

23. [dec] 6x (6) - Break the yarn, leave a yarn rest long enough to fasten off like show on the following photos:

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