

# LINK



## **MATERIALS USED:**

Worsted Weight Yarn; small amounts oatmeal, green, brown, lime green, white, yellow  
Embroidery Floss; small amounts brown  
Crochet Hook Size G (4.0)  
Stitch marker (Optional)  
Polyester fiberfill  
Wool felt; small amounts black, white, yellow

**GAUGE:** Gauge is not important for this project. For a smaller doll, use a smaller hook, a larger doll, a larger hook!

**FINISHED SIZE:**     Approx 10"

## **DIRECTIONS:**

**READ THROUGH ALL DIRECTIONS BEFORE STARTING TO AVOID CONFUSION.**

**DO NOT JOIN ROUNDS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

**DO NOT TURN UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

**Use a stitch marker to mark your place.**

## **HEAD**



With oatmeal, make a magic ring.

Rnd 1:    Work 6 sc in ring.

(6 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc around. (12 sc)  
 Rnd 3: (2 sc in nx st, sc in nx st) around. (18 sc)  
 Rnd 4: (2 sc in nx st, sc in nx 2 sts) around. (24 sc)  
 Rnd 5: (2 sc in nx st, sc in nx 3 sts) around. (30 sc)  
 Rnd 6: (2 sc in nx st, sc in nx 4 sts) around. (36 sc)  
 Rnd 7: (2 sc in nx st, sc in nx 5 sts) around. (42 sc)  
 Rnd 8 - 14: Sc around. (42 sc)  
 Rnd 15: (Sc in nx 5 sts, dec) around. (36 sc)  
 Rnd 16: (Sc in nx 4 sts, dec) around. (30 sc)  
 Rnd 17: (Sc in nx 3 sts, dec) around. (24 sc)  
 Rnd 18: (Sc in nx 2 sts, dec) around. (18 sc)  
 Stuff head firmly.  
 Rnd 19: Sc around. Join. (18 sc)

FO oatmeal.

### **Beginning body**

Rnd 20: Join lime green in any st with sc, 2 sc in nx st. (sc in nx st, 2 sc in nx st) around. (27 sc)  
 Rnd 21 - 29: Sc around. Join at end of Rnd 29. (27 sc)  
 FO lime green.  
 Rnd 30: Join green in any st with sc, sc around. (27 sc)  
 Rnd 31: Sc around. (27 sc)  
 Rnd 32: (Sc in nx 7 sts, dec) around. (24 sc)  
 Rnd 33: (Sc in nx 6 sts, dec) around. (21 sc)  
 Rnd 34: (Sc in nx 5 sts, dec) around. (18 sc)  
 Rnd 35: (Sc in nx 4 sts, dec) around. (15 sc)  
 Rnd 36: (Sc in nx 3 sts, dec) around. Join. (12 sc)  
 FO green, leaving a long end.  
 Stuff body firmly, making sure to keep its shape. Weave end in and out of rem sts, pull tight to close.

### **LEFT EAR**

With oatmeal, make a magic ring.

Row 1: Work 6 sc in ring. (6 sc)  
 Row 2 (RS): Ch 1, turn. Sc in nx 2 sts, hdc in nx st, dc in nx st, 3 tr in nx st, picot, ch 4, sl st in last st.  
 FO oatmeal, leaving a long end for sewing.  
 Tie ends together to make ear fold slightly.

### **RIGHT EAR**

With oatmeal, make a magic ring.

Row 1: Work 6 sc in ring. (6 sc)  
 Row 2 (RS): Ch 4, turn. Tr in nx st, picot, 2 tr in same st, dc in nx st, hdc in nx st, sc in nx 2 sts, sl st in last st.  
 FO oatmeal, leaving a long end for sewing.  
 Tie ends together to make ear fold slightly.  
 Set both ears aside for later.

### **ARMS (Make 2)**

With oatmeal, make a magic ring.

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in ring. (5 sc)  
 Rnd 2: 2 sc around. (10 sc)  
 Rnd 3 - 4: Sc around. Join at end of Rnd 4. (10 sc)  
 FO oatmeal.  
 Rnd 5: Join lime green with sc in any st. Sc around. (10 sc)

Rnd 6 - 14: Sc around. Join at end of Rnd 14. (10 sc)  
 FO lime green, leaving a long end for sewing.  
 Stuff arms and sew to sides of body.

## LEGS (Make 2)

With brown, make a magic ring.  
 Rnd 1: Work 6 sc in ring. (6 sc)  
 Rnd 2: 2 sc around. (12 sc)  
 Rnd 3: 2 sc in nx st, sc in nx st, (hdc, dc) in nx st, tr in nx st, (dc, hdc) in nx st, sc in nx st. (2 sc in nx st, sc in nx st) Work the last bracket around. (18sts)  
 Rnd 4 - 5: Sc around. (18 sc)  
 Rnd 6: (Dec, sc in nx st) around. (12 sc)  
 Rnd 7 - 8: Sc around. Join at end of Rnd 8. (12 sc)  
 FO brown.  
 Rnd 9: Join white with sc in any st. Sc around. (12 sc)  
 Rnd 10 - 18: Sc around. Join at end of Rnd 18. (12 sc)  
 FO white, leaving a long end for sewing.  
 Stuff legs and sew to bottom of Link.

## TUNIC



With green, ch 30. Carefully join to form a circle without twisting ch.  
 Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc around. (30 sc)  
 Rnd 2 - 7: Sc around, changing to brown at end of Rnd 7. **DO NOT FO GREEN.** Join. (30 sc)  
 Rnd 8: Ch 1, sc around. (30 sc)  
 Rnd 9: Sc around, changing to green. Join. (30 sc)  
 FO brown.  
 Rnd 10: Ch 1, sc around. (30 sc)  
 Rnd 11 - 14: Sc around. Join at end of Rnd 14. (30 sc)  
 FO green.

## TOP OF TUNIC

Turn piece so that the foundation chain is facing upwards.  
 Rnd 1: Join green in last st before joining (this should help hide the joining). Sc around. (30 sc)  
 Rnd 2: Sc around. Join. (30 sc)

## BACK

Rnd 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in nx 10 sts. Leave rem sts unworked. (10 sc)  
 Rnd 4 - 5: Ch 1, turn. Sc across. (10 sc)  
 FO

## FIRST SLEEVE

With RS facing, sk 5 sts from Rnd 2.  
 Rnd 3: Join green with sc in nx st, sc in nx 2 sts. Leave rem sts unworked. (3 sc)

Rnd 4 - 10: Ch 1, turn. Sc across.

(3 sc)

FO, leaving a long end. Sew to back of tunic.

## SECOND SLEEVE

With RS facing, sk next 4 sts from Rnd 2.

Rep instructions for FIRST SLEEVE.

## FINISHING

With green, sc evenly around edges to finish off.

FO green and weave in ends.

## BUCKLE

With yellow, make a magic ring.

Rnd 1: Work 6 sc in ring.

(6 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc around. Join.

(12 sc)

FO yellow

## FINISHING

With brown floss, embroider lines in the buckle as shown in pic.

Dress Link. It would probably be easier to dress him from the feet up rather than trying to get the shirt over his head. ☺



## HAT



Leaving a long end for sewing later, with green, ch 45. Join to form a ring, being careful not to twist ch.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, working in back ridge of foundation chain (this will create a clean edge), sc around.

(45 sc)

Rnd 2 - 3: Sc around.

(45 sc)

Rnd 4: (Dec, sc in nx 7 sts) around.

(40 sc)

Rnd 5 - 6: Sc around.

(40 sc)

Rnd 7: (Dec, sc in nx 6 sts) around.

(35 sc)

Rnd 8 - 9: Sc around.

(35 sc)

Rnd 10: (Dec, sc in nx 5 sts) around.

(30 sc)

Rnd 13: (Dec, sc in nx 4 sts) around.

(25 sc)

Rnd 14 - 15: Sc around.

(25 sc)

Rnd 16: (Dec, sc in nx 3 sts) around.

(20 sc)

Rnd 17 - 18: Sc around.

(20 sc)

Rnd 19: (Dec, sc in nx 2 sts) around.

(15 sc)

Rnd 20 - 21: Sc around.

(15 sc)

Rnd 22:(Dec, sc in nx st) around.

(10 sc)

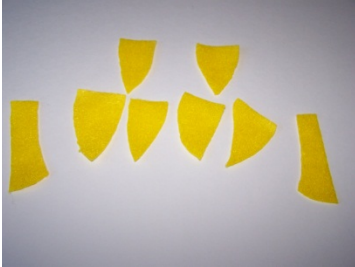
Rnd 23 - 24: Sc around.

(10 sc)

FO green, leaving a long end. Weave end through rem sts, pull tight to close.

## FINISHING

You can add the hair by looping pieces of yarn though the head, just at the hairline since the hat will cover most of Links head, then give Link a haircut how you want.



I chose to use felt pieces for the hair. I used fabric glue to attach little triangles of felt around Links head, then secured them by tacking Links hat on top of his head with the long end of yarn.

Attach Links ears between Links hat and sideburns, making sure right side is facing out.

For Links eyes, I also used felt, first black, then white slightly smaller than black to give an outline. Then black for the eye colour. You can also add a highlight if you want with a small dot of white felt or white fabric paint if its easier.



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And please feel free to send me pics of your finished work too. I'd love to see them!

# MAMA24BOYZ'S TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

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sc - **single crochet**: Insert hook in next st, draw up a lp, yo, draw through both lps on hook to complete stitch.

hdc - **half double crochet**: Yo, insert hook in nx st or sp, draw up a lp, (3 lps on hook), yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook to complete stitch.

beg - **beginning**

ch - **chain**

dc - **double crochet**: Yo, insert hook in nx st or sp, draw up a lp, (3 lps on hook), (yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) twice to complete stitch.

dec - **Single Crochet Decrease**: Insert hook in st indicated, draw up a lp, insert hook in nx st, draw up a lp (3 lps on hook), yo, draw through last 3 lps on hook to complete stitch.

lp(s) - **loop(s)**

rep - **repeat**

rnd - **round**

nx - **next**

RS - **Right Side facing you**

sk - **skip**

st(s) - **stitch(es)**

sl st - **slip stitch**

sp(s) - **space(s)**

tog - **together**

WS - **Wrong Side facing you**

hd dec - **Half Double Crochet Decrease**: Yo, insert hook in st indicated, draw up a lp, yo and insert hook in nx st, draw up a lp, yo, draw through last 5 lps on hook to complete stitch.

Dc dec - **Double Crochet Decrease**: Yo, insert hook in st indicated, draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook, yo, insert hook in nx st, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook, (3 lps on hook), yo and draw through last 3 lps on hook to complete stitch.

FLO - **Front Loop Only**: Insert hook in front lp of nx st as indicated.

BLO - **Back Loop**: Insert hook in back loop of nx st as indicated.

Yo - **yarn over**

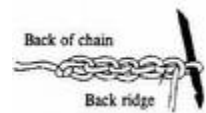
FR - **Foundation Row**

FO - **Fasten Off**

picot - ch 3, sl st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook

I have found a great tutorial for the **Magic Ring** here <http://www.planetjune.com/blog/tutorials/magic-ring-right-handed/>

\*To make a neater edge on your finished piece, work your beginning row in the back ridge of your foundation chain.



\*To make weaving in ends easier, wherever you can, crochet over the tail while continuing working on your piece. Other ends should be left long then weaved 2" one way and 2" back the other way to secure the end.

\*If you are making an ami, weave your end into the ami one way then out the other side and through again. Cut the tail close to the ami and play around with it to get it back inside.

\*To change colours its easiest to work to the end of where you need colour 1, then begin working your final stitch, but use the new colour to finish the stitch. Cover the old colour with the new colour by working over it.

\*When joining a new strand of yarn to a piece, join your yarn in the stitch **BEFORE** the joining. This way the joining won't be as noticeable.

\*Join with a sc instead of (sl st, ch 1, sc) where applicable. This makes your join less noticeable.

\*When dec at the beg of the next row, do not ch 1 when you turn. This will get rid of the "step" look to the piece and leaves a cleaner edge.