

# Merle, the little doll

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## Material:

Schachenmayr Catania, color: soft apricot 00263, azalee 00398, mint 00385, soft white00105, royal 00201 (each 50g)

Mohair yarn for dolls, colored with natural dyes. color: pink  
(www.pflanzenfaerberin.de)

Black yarn (eyebrows)

Crochet hook 4/0 2,5mmn +7/0 4mm

Soft stuffing (Polyfill)

Needle for sewing

Scissors / brush

Safety 7mm

Pink blush for cheeks

White satin band

## Abbreviations:

MC = Magic circle

sc = single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

ch = chain(s)

inc = increase

dec = decrease

hStb = half double crochet

dc = double crochet

(...) = repeat

CC = Color change

BLO = Back loops only

FLO = Front loops only

Like you can see in the picture, the beginning of the round runs obliquely (black yarn). So after a few rounds you would see the color change at the front of the leg. To avoid this I move the color change every time one or two stitches to the left to have a straight line at the back of the legs. The black yarn shows where the beginning of the round would be.



Feet/Legs: Start with pink. Don't forget to stuff your leg while you are crocheting.

1. 6sc in MC (6)
2. (inc) (12)
3. (sc, inc) (18)
4. (2sc, inc) (24)
5. (3sc, inc) (30)
6. -12. (sc) (30) 7 rd
13. (3sc, dec) (24)
14. (sc) (24)
15. (2sc, dec) (18)
16. (sc) (18) CC: white



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|---|--|
| 17. BLO: (sc)   | (18)                                   |
| 18. -20. (sc)   | (18) CC: mint                          |
| 21. +22. (sc)   | (18) CC: white                         |
| 23. +24. (sc)   | (18) CC: mint                          |
| 25. +26. (sc)   | (18) CC: white                         |
| 27. (sc)  | (18)                                   |
| 28. dec, 16sc   | (17) CC: mint                          |
| 29. +30. (sc)   | (17) CC: white                         |
| 31. +32. (sc)   | (17) CC: mint                          |
| 33. (sc)  | (17)                                   |
| 34. dec, 15sc   | (16) CC: white                         |
| 35. + 36. (sc)  | (16) CC: mint                          |
| 37. + 38. (sc)  | (16) CC: white                         |
| 39. (sc)  | (16)                                   |
| 40. dec, 14sc   | (15) CC: mint                          |
| 41. +42. (sc)   | (15) CC: white / stop stuffing the leg |
| 43. +44. (sc)   | (15) CC: mint                          |
| 45. dec, 13sc   | (14)                                   |
| 46. 7sc, fold the leg and crochet both sides together with 6sc. Crochet 2chains, turn your work, 2hStb, sc, 3sl st. |  |

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing!

Go back to round 17, use pink yarn

47. 2ch(s)+dc in same st, (dc), sl st.



Cut the yarn and weave ends.

**Body:** white

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|--------------------------|------------|
| 1. 6sc in MC             | (6)        |
| 2. (inc)                 | (12)       |
| 3. (sc, inc)             | (18)       |
| 4. (2sc, inc)            | (24)       |
| 5. (3sc, inc)            | (30)       |
| 6. (4sc, inc)            | (36)       |
| 7. (5sc, inc)            | (42)       |
| 8. (6sc, inc)            | (48)       |
| 9. (7sc, inc)            | (54)       |
| 10. -19. (sc)            | (54) 10 rd |
| 20. dec, 25sc, dec, 25sc | (52)       |
| 21. (sc)                 | (52)       |
| 22. dec, 24sc, dec, 24sc | (50)       |
| 23. (sc)                 | (50)       |
| 24. dec, 23sc, dec, 23sc | (48)       |
| 25. (dec, 6sc)           | (42)       |
| 26. (sc)                 | (42)       |
| 27. dec, 19sc, dec, 19sc | (40)       |
| 28. (sc)                 | (40)       |



- 29. dec, 18sc, dec, 18sc (38)
- 30. dec, 17sc, dec, 17sc (36)
- 31. dec, 16sc, dec, 16sc (34)
- 32. dec, 15sc, dec, 15sc (32)
- 33. dec, 14sc, dec, 14sc (30)
- 34. dec, 13sc, dec, 13sc (28)
- 35. dec, 12sc, dec, 12sc (26)
- 36. dec, 11sc, dec, 11sc (24)
- 37. (sc) (24)

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff the whole body.

**Head:** soft apricot

**!! Rd 20 -27 :** This part creates the cheeks!! Place the safety eyes at this side of the head between round 18 and 19, spacing them 9 sc apart.

- 1. 6sc in MC (6)
- 2. (inc) (12)
- 3. (sc, inc) (18)
- 4. (2sc, inc) (24)
- 5. (3sc, inc) (30)
- 6. (4sc, inc) (36)
- 7. (5sc, inc) (42)
- 8. (6sc, inc) (48)
- 9. (7sc, inc) (54)
- 10. (8sc, inc) (60)
- 11. - 19. (sc) (60) 9 rd
- 20. (3sc, inc :7 times), 32sc (67)
- 21. - 26. (sc) (67) 6 rd
- 27. (3sc, dec: 7 times), 32sc (60)
- 28. (sc) (60)
- 29. (8sc, dec) (54)
- 30. (7sc, dec) (48)
- 31. (6sc, dec) (42)
- 32. (5sc, dec) (36)
- 33. (4sc, dec) (30)
- 34. (3sc, dec) (24)



Use soft apricot creating the nose. Stitch it over to sc between round 19 and 20. Now stitch diagonal a few times in this stitch. Cut the yarn and weave ends.

**Arms:** start with soft apricot, make two

- 1. 6sc in MC (6)
- 2. (inc) (12)
- 3. (sc, inc) (18)
- 4. inc, 8sc, inc, 8sc (20)
- 5. -10. (sc) (20) 6 rd
- 6. (dec, 2sc) (15)
- 7. -16. (sc) (15) 10 rd, stuff the lower part



- 17. dec, 13sc (14)
- 18. – 27. (sc) (14) 10 rd, CC to white
- 28. (dec, sc: 3 times), dec, 3sc (10)
- 29. dec, sc, dec, sc, dec, 2sc (7)

Fold the arm and crochet both sides together with 3sc. Cut the yarn leaving a long tail for sewing. Take mint yarn and crochet sl st between round 27 and 28 (color change). Cut the yarn and weave ends.

**Dress:** royal (!! I don't like it, to close rounds with sl st, always a line appears. So I crochet in rounds, even if we change from sc to hdc. If you don't like this, feel free to crochet the dress the way you prefer!)

- 1. 30ch(s), close to circle with a sc ( this is the first sc from next round)
- 2. 29sc (30)
- 3. 14hdc, inc, 14hdc, inc (32)
- 4. 15hdc, inc, 15hdc, inc (34)
- 5. 16hdc, inc, 16hdc, inc (36)
- 6. (2hdc, inc) (48)
- 7. -9. (hdc) (48) 3 rd
- 10. inc, 23hdc, inc, 23hdc (50)
- 11. -13 (hdc) (50) 3 rd
- 14. inc, 24hdc, inc, 24hdc (52)
- 15. -16. (hdc) (52) 2 rd
- 17. 52hdc, sc, sl st (52)
- 18. sc in FLO (52) Cut the yarn and weave ends.



Turn the dress up side down, use white yarn and crochet a sl st in back loop of round 18. Skip one st, 6dc in next st, skip one st, sl st. Repeat this until the end of the round. Cut the yarn and weave ends.

Use a white satin band and insert it at the hdc(s) between rd 4 and 5. The both ends should be at the front.

**Pockets/ dress:** mint, make two.

- 1. 6ch(s) +1ch
- 2. 6sc + 1ch
- 3. skip 2st, 6dc in next st, skip 2st , sl st.

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew them to the dress as you can see in the pictures.

**Ears:** soft apricot

- 1. sc, 5hdc, sc in MC (7)

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.

**Wig:** Mohair yarn pink, change to crochet hook 4mm!!!! The size can vary, depending on how you crochet (strong or slack). So put the wig on the head and use the picture for orientation.

- 1. 6sc in MC (6)
- 2. (inc) (12)
- 3. (sc, inc) (18)
- 4. (2sc, inc) (24)
- 5. (3sc, inc) (30)



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|---------------|-----------|
| 6. (4sc, inc) | (36)      |
| 7. (5sc, inc) | (42)      |
| 8. -13. (sc)  | (42) 6 rd |

The mohair threads are more inside the wig, so turn the inner side out and put the wig on the head. Sew it around the whole head. Now use a new brush and brush the wig a long time in every direction until a lot more threads come out.



Now cut some threads from the mohair and tie them as you can see in the picture. You don't need many threads.



Braid them and cut the ends of the threads. Use the brush to separate some mohair threads out of the braid.

### Combining all pieces:

\*Sew the legs to the body, next to the MC. Make sure that the hdc you crocheted after folding together are at the outer edge!!

\*Put the dress on.

\*Sew the head to the body.

\*Sew the ears to the head.

\*Sew the arms to the body.

\*Use black yarn to stitch the eyebrows. Use pink blush for the cheeks.

\*Use yarn color mint to stitch a hair clipper.

\*Use royal yarn and crochet 5ch(s). Cut the yarn leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew it to the dress as you can see in the pictures above.

**READY!!** Have fun with your little Merle! Would love to see pictures from her on Instagram #merlethelittlegirl Use the link @amalou.designs that I can find you!