How to Make Amigurumi Doll Hair

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Hair changes an amigurumi doll more than anything else. There are three main ways to do it, from quick to slow: a crocheted wig cap, crocheted curls sewn onto a cap, and yarn strands knotted into the head one by one. All three are shown here on the same 36-stitch head as our free doll pattern.

The counts below fit any head that is 36 stitches at its widest; for other heads, see the sizing tips.



Left to right: wig cap bob, crochet curls, knotted strands in pigtails.

What you need

- DK cotton or acrylic in the hair color, about 52 yd / 48 m for the cap and curls, more for long knotted hair
- 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2) hook, tapestry needle, pins
- For knotted hair: a small latch-hook tool or a 2 mm crochet hook

Method 1: crocheted wig cap (quickest)

A cap crocheted like the top of the head, with a short flap of rows at the back for a bob. It covers the head completely and hides the top of the head well.

The pattern

Wig Cap

Color: start with B (brown).

The same increases as the head, then 6 straight rounds.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (2 sc, inc) ×5, sc. (24)
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** (3 sc, inc) ×6. (30)
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 2 sc, inc, (4 sc, inc) ×5, 2 sc. (36)
- ☐ **Rnds 7–12:** Sc around. (36)

Finish: FO with a long tail; pull over the stuffed head, the front edge on R7 of the head and the back edge on R13, and sew around the edge.

Back Hair

Color: start with B (brown).

Rows at the back only, for a bob.

- ☐ **Row 1:** 22 sc, leave 14 unworked. (22)
- ☐ **Rows 2–8:** Ch 1 turn, sc across. (22)

Finish: Join at the side of the cap and work R1 into the last round of the cap at the back; the 14 sts left unworked are the face side.

Fringe: for bangs, sew 6 to 8 short loops of yarn across the front edge of the cap and trim them straight.

Method 2: crochet curls

Each curl is a chain with two stitches in every chain, which makes it twist into a corkscrew. Make 16 for full curly hair, more for big hair.

Curl (make 16)

Color: start with B (brown).

Make 16. Leave a tail at both ends for sewing.

- ☐ **Row 1:** Inc ×15. (30)

Finish: Ch 16 and work R1 into the 2nd ch from the hook; the curl twists by itself; sew the top ends to the cap in rows.

Sew the curls onto a wig cap in rows, starting at the bottom of the back and working up, so each row covers the tops of the row below. Leave the face side to the last row.

Method 3: knotted yarn strands (slowest, most realistic)

1. Cut strands twice as long as you want the hair, plus 1 in / 2.5 cm.
2. Fold a strand in half. Push the latch hook or small crochet hook under one stitch of the head, catch the fold and pull it through to make a loop.
3. Pull the two ends through the loop and tighten: a lark's head knot.
4. Work along the hairline first: one strand in every stitch of the round where the forehead meets the hair, then fill the top in every second stitch of every second round.
5. Style it: pigtails, a braid or a bun, then trim the ends.



The three methods start here: cap, curls and cut strands.

Tips

- **Other head sizes:** work the cap with the same increases as your doll's head and stop increasing at its widest round.
- **Less bald patches:** make the head itself in the hair color from the top down to the hairline.
- **Brushed hair:** brushing acrylic strands with a pet slicker brush makes soft, fluffy hair; cotton does not brush well.

FAQ

Which method is best for a child's toy?

The wig cap. It is sewn on all around, so there is nothing to pull out. Knotted strands can loosen with heavy play.

How long does knotted hair take?

About 1.5 to 2 hours for a 36-stitch head with a full hairline.

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