

Knitted DEATH of Rats Toy

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To make your own D.o.R worked in the round, You will need the following:

- White Yarn (worsted weight)
- Tiny Wee Bit of Black Yarn for embroidering D.o.R's eyes
- Knitting Needles (I used US Size #5 DPNs)
- Tapestry Needle
- Polyfill or your country's equivalent of Polyester Filling (we Yanks are good at naming though, aren't we?)
- Small wee bit of black fabric (about 1/4 yard or so)
- Black thread
- A sewing machine (but you can sew by hand if you really want to)
- Embroidery Floss - white
- A set of many sized crochet needles... or if having only one... read the directions for the D.o.R's tail
- Bamboo Skewer for shish-ka-bobs (you'll only need one but don't skewer any Ka-Bobs or Ka-anybody elses)
- Piece of Cardboard from a pizza box (it doesn't have to specifically be a pizza box, a calzone box will do)
- Piece of twine/string
- Silver Paint (the silver paint is essential... without it the entire pattern will fail!)

HEAD

CO 6 sts

Rearrange 6sts evenly amongst 3 DPNS to knit in the round

R1: Knit

R2: Knit

R3: Kfb ea st

R4-7: Knit

R8: K4, *k1, kfb, kfb, k1* repeat from * for one whole row

R9: Knit

R10: K2, M1, K2 *k2, kfb2, k2* repeat once from *

R11-13: Knit

R14: K5, kfb, kfb, K6, K6, kfb, kfb

R15-18: Knit

R19: K5, *K2tog* repeat from * all around

R20: Knit

R21: K2tog, K1, K2tog, K5, K5

R22: K2tog, K1, K5, K5

R23: K2, *K2tog, K1, K2tog* repeat from *

Stuff with Polyfill until it is firm but still squishable

Break yarn, use needle to pull yarn end through the remaining stitches and knot

Using the wee bit of black yarn, make a knot and thread needle with nonknotted end, poke through the head viciously (there should be due to shaping and forehead type area of the head, poke needle through there). Pull yarn through, make huge french knot, and pull yarn out back by first knot. Make another huge french knot and push needle in head- BUT NOT THROUGH THIS TIME. Instead finagle needle to rounded edge, decide where you will attach the body and poke needle out through

there making an anchor knot. Weave in ends. See this handy dandy diagram:



BODY

CO 12

Rearrange sts evenly on the three needles to knit in round

R1-10: Knit

R11: *kfb, K3* repeat from * for one row

R12: *K4, kfb* repeat from * for one row

R13-15: Knit

R16: *K2, kfb, kfb, K2* repeat from * for one row

R17-19: Knit

R20: *K2tog* repeat from * for one row

R21: Knit

R22:*K2tog* repeat from * for one row

Break yarn, use needle to pull yarn end through the remaining stitches and knot. Stuff body with Polyfill. Using CO yarn tail ladder stitch body to head, making sure you cover the anchor knots for the eyes.

ARMS

D.o.R's arms are done in I-cord

CO 3 sts

I did 25 rows of I-cording for each arm

Make 2

Using yarn tail attach arms to army places on the D.o.R, weave in ends.

LEGS

D.o.R's legs are done in I-cord

CO 3 sts

I did more than 25 rows of I-cording and totally forgot to write the number down... its about 12 rows longer than the arms at least. Legs are longer than arms generally, so just make the legs longer.

Make 2

Using one of the yarn tails on each leg, attach legs to where legs should go on the D.o.R, weave in ends, BUT (this is a big but... no really it is) the other yarny end that hangs by what will be the D.o.R's feet... use it to ladder stitch the bottom inch or so in a "L" so that the D.o.R can have feet, then knot to keep in place, then weave in the ends.

TAIL

For D.o.R's tail I used white Embroidery Floss. I started with an H crochet needle and started making a chain, after 5 or so stitches I switched to the next smallest size, then did that again, and again, and again until the needle was wee and the tail was as long as I wanted it to be. If you have only one

hook, start off chaining VERY loosely and tighten the slack as you go, until you get to a point where once you slip the stitch off the needle you wiggle the yarn and tighten the stitch you just made. Break a long floss tail (ha!) And thread through stitch and pull tight. Take CO/Starting yarn tail, thread through needle, and use to attach to body around the bum area, knot. Weave in end by weaving the floss in and out of the chain, stop about halfway and cut. Take BO/Ending floss tail and do the same but going up the tail, weave in and out all the way up the tail and weave into base and cut waste. The chain itself looked silly on its own as a tail which is why you added the extra weaving to make it appear more boney.

D.o.R's ROBES

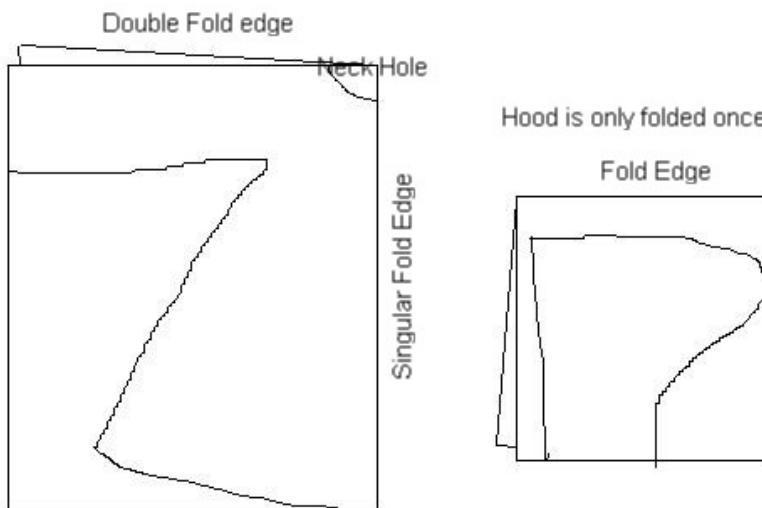
Take black cloth and lay it on table

Fold it in half , then in quarters

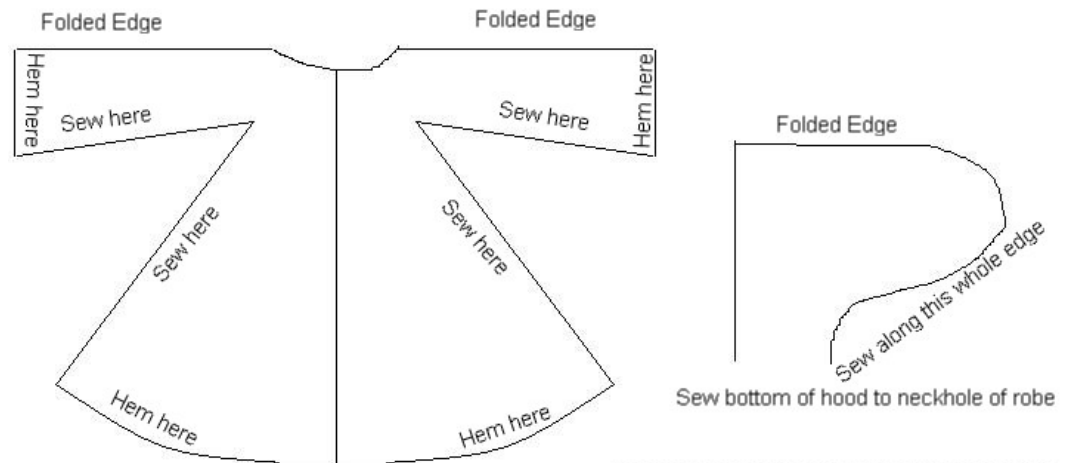
Lay your D.o.R with the singular fold along where his spine would be, and lay his arm along where the two folds are on top of one another.

Cut fabric below his arm (sleeve) until you get about 3/4 of an inch or an inch from the body

Then cut in an angle, ending in line with his feet and cut across. See diagrams.



Black fabric quartered



After you sew all the black fabric pieces for the robe, try it on your D.o.R

Cut up through middle on ONE side only
This is so you can try your robe on the D.o.R
For a personalized fit

Its easier to sew the hem edge for the sleeves
BEFORE you sew the sleeves themselves
Sew sides of robe BEFORE you hem bottom

to check the fit. If it fits, remove D.o.R and turn inside out to sew seam up middle, replace D.o.R.

D.o.R's SCYTHER

Take skewer

Cut at length you think is appropriate for a rat sized scythe

Carefully split skewer down 1 and 1/2 inch

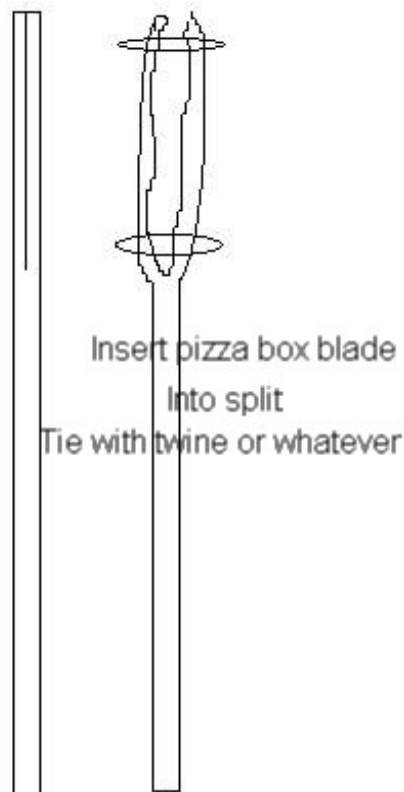
Paint brownish

Cut a scythe blade shaped piece from the pizza box

Paint all of it silver, making sure to use paint to fill in holes along side

Let everything dry

When dry slide cardboard into the split of the skewer, taking care not to split it more than you have to.



Using twine or whatever you
the cardboard blade.

I myself made little tomahawk X's to look cool, but you do what you want.

decide, tie skewer's split shut around

There you go, now you too can have a DEATH of Rats.