

You'll Need:

- One ball of yarn in a color of your choice.
- A piece of stiff cardboard for wrapping yarn. It should measure 4 1/4" x 5 1/2".
- Scissors.
- Felt squares in assorted colors.
- Hot glue gun.
- Needle and thread.
- Things to embellish your Folk with: buttons, sequins, beads, embroidery floss, ribbon, trim, etc.
- Optional: fine-point Sharpie markers.

How to Make It:**Part 1: Making the Yarn Doll**

Step 1: Take your cardboard template, and note where the top and bottom edges are. Start with the end of the yarn at the bottom edge of the cardstock, and begin winding around and around the cardstock until you have a nice, thick coil. (The sample dolls took about 75 winds around.) Don't wrap too tightly - you'll want to be able to pull this coil off in a moment!

You can use one color of yarn for your doll, or several. If you use several colors, just wind all the yarns on the cardstock at the same time.

Step 2: Leave the yarn on the cardstock for a moment. Cut yourself a piece of yarn that's twice as long as the long side of your cardstock. Now, slide this piece under your wrapped yarn, and slide it up to the top edge of the cardstock. Carefully slide everything off the cardstock. Now you have a big loop of yarn. Use that strand you just cut to tie a tight double knot in the top of the loop. This forms the top of the head of your doll.

Step 3: Cut another long piece of yarn, and tie this tightly to form the doll's neck. Leave the ends of this piece intact, and just let them become part of the doll's body.

Step 4: Now, make some arms. Take the cardboard template for the arms. Wind some yarn around this piece -- about 18 times around usually does it. Pull this loop carefully off the cardstock. Cut yourself two short pieces of yarn, and tie these tightly around each end of this loop, forming your doll's hands.

Step 5: Now, take this arm piece, and insert it into the middle of the strands of yarn that make up your doll's body. Cut another medium-long piece of yarn, and tie it tightly right under the arms, to make the doll's waist.

Step 6: If you want your doll to wear a skirt, then clip all the loops at the bottom of the doll, and trim the ends to the same length. Also, if you like, clip the loops at your doll's hands, and trim them.

Step 7: If you want your doll to have legs, then split the loops at the bottom of the doll into two halves. Tie each one tightly at the bottom to form the doll's ankles. Clip the loops at the hands and feet, and trim the ends.

Part 2: Adding the Felt

Step 1. Make some decisions about how you want your Folk to look. What color hair? What kind of outfit?

Step 2. Using the pattern provided, cut a felt face for your doll. If you like, you can embroider on the eyes, nose, and mouth. Or, you can draw them on with fine-point Sharpies.

Attach the face to your doll with hot glue.

Step 3. Next, use the patterns to cut out some felt pieces for garments, mixing and matching as you like. Feel free to create your own patterns, too!

If you want to embroider or sew any embellishments to the clothing pieces, be sure to do this before you attach them to the body.

Depending on the piece, you can attach these to the doll by sewing them on, or with hot glue.

Part 3: Adding the Hair

Step 1. Use the cardboard provided to make a wig for your doll. Using the same method that you did to create your doll, wind yarn around the cardboard. With the wig, it's better to have too much yarn than too little. So wind your wig-yarn at least 30 times.

Step 2. Repeat Step 2 of the doll-making process to tie the wig yarn together at the top. Then, cut all the loops at the bottom.

Step 3. Lay your wig out on a flat surface, and spread all the strands of yarn out so they form a circular pattern.

Step 4. Attach the wig to the top of your doll's head with hot glue.

Step 5. Carefully give your doll a haircut. Add a little glue if you need to attach hair to the sides or back of the head.

