



My Misio Reloaded

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In 2006, Madoka Muno, a Japanese based in Australia, decided to create My Misio as her final project for college. Misio is a small amigurumi cat that behaves like a human (and also loves to eat!) Madoka started crocheting little Misios and sell them online. His idea was to recreate the life of Misio in photographs and document how we are able to imagine different stories with the same object depending on our place of origin, our personal history, customs ...

My Misio Reloaded is based on the original Misio, that its currently unavailable for buying. That way you can also have a Misio and enjoy her company in your adventures.

MATERIALS

- One ball of DMC Natura Just Cotton, nº 36 (Gardenia) for the body. One ball in the color of your choice for the pants (pictured nº20, Jade). Plus one ball in white.

- 3mm. crochet hook.
- Two pipecleaners.
- Stuffing.
- Two black small beads for the eyes.
- Mouliné DMC thread for the nose.
- Black embroidery thread.
- Split marker and row counter (optional).
- Yarn and embroidery needles.

ABBREVIATIONS:

s. – stitch/stitches

sc – single crochet

ch – chain/chains

sl st- slipped stitch

inc- increase

dec – decrease

Instructions between ** are repeated along the row.



BODY

With main color, make a 6 st magic ring.

1: Increase in every st (12 p.)

2: * 1 sc, 1 inc. * (18 p.)

3: * 2 sc, 1 inc * (24 p.)

4: * 3 sc, 1 inc * (30 p.)

5: * 4 sc, 1 inc* (36 p.)

6 – 22: Sc in every st.

Change to pants color.

23 – 27: Sc in every st.

Stuff the body now, and continue stuffing as you work.

28: * 4 sc, 1 dec* (30 p.)

29: * 3 sc, 1 dec * (24 p.)

30: * 2 sc, 1 dec * (18 p.)

31: * 1 sc, 1 dec * (12 p.)

32: Dec around (6 p.)

Bind off and sew the small hole at the bottom of the body.

ARMS (MAKE TWO)

With white yarn, make a 6 st magic ring.

1: * 1 sc, 1 inc * (9 p.)

2: Sc (9 p.)

Change to body color.

3: 7 sc, 1 dec (8 p.)

4 – 19: Sc (8 p.)

Bind off and leave a tail of yarn for sewing. DO NOT stuff and do not sew the arm opening.

EARS (MAKE TWO)

With main color, make a 4 st magic ring.

1: * 1 sc, 1 inc* (6 p.)

2 – 3: Sc (6 p.)

Bind off and leave a tail of yarn for sewing.

LEGS (MAKE TWO)

With white yarn, make a 6 st magic ring.

1: Inc in every st (12 p.)

2 - 4: Sc (12 p.)

Change to body color.

5 - 9: Sc (12 p.)

Change to pants color.

10 - 11: Sc (12 p.)

Bind off and leave a tail of yarn for sewing later. As with the arms, do not close the arm opening or stuff.



TAIL

With body color, make a 6 st magic ring.

1: * 2 sc, 1 inc * (8 p.)

2 - 5: Sc (8 p.)

Bind off and leave a tail for sewing.

MUZZLE

With white yarn and 3 mm hook, make a 4 st magic ring.

1: Increase in all st (8 p.)

2: *1 sc, 1 inc* (12 p.)

3: *2 sc, 1 inc* (16 p.)

4 – 8: Sc (16 p.)

Start to stuff the muzzle with a little fiber, you will sew it to the body later and one of the sides will be flat, so you don't want to overstuff it.

9: *2 sc, 1 dec* (12 p.)

10: *1 sc, 1 dec* (8 p.)

11: Dec around (4 p.)

Bind off and leave a tail for sewing.

HOW TO ATTACH THE PIECES

The first thing we will do is prepare the arms and legs of Miso. To do this, take a pipe cleaner and cut it in half, you will get two small pieces. Repeat with the other pipe cleaner. We now have four pieces and you have to fold each one in half and roll it over itself. That way:



Insert the pipe cleaners in the arms, don't add stuffing. Cut the excess.

Then do the same with Miso legs, but this time place a little filling along the pipe cleaners.

Shape it with your hands so that each leg is uniform.

Hold with pins all parts of the body, taking care that they are in the place you want. Then sew.



Finally, sew and embroider the eyes and the nose. To embroider the nose, make a pistil stitch. You can see how to do this stitch step by step here:

<http://www.embroidery.rocksea.org/stitch/knots/pistil-stitch/>.

To achieve the look of Miso's nose, wind the thread around the needle about ten times. It will be easier to do this stitch with a needle that is the same width throughout its length.

Finished, you have your own Miso to come with you wherever you go. Enjoy it!

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