

## Pattern for Comfort Dolls for ICross Canada

Work in stocking stitch throughout. Cast on 32 sts. Work 4 rows for feet.

Change yarn. Work 14 rows for pants. Size 4mm (USA 8) needles

### Next

Change yarn. Work 12 rows for sweater.

Change yarn. Work 8 rows for face.

Change yarn. Work 11 rows for hat as follows:

Rows 1-4: Work evenly in stocking stitch.

Row 5: Dec 5 sts evenly across row (27 sts).

Row 6: P across row.

Row 7: Dec 5 sts evenly across row (22 sts).

Row 8: P across row.

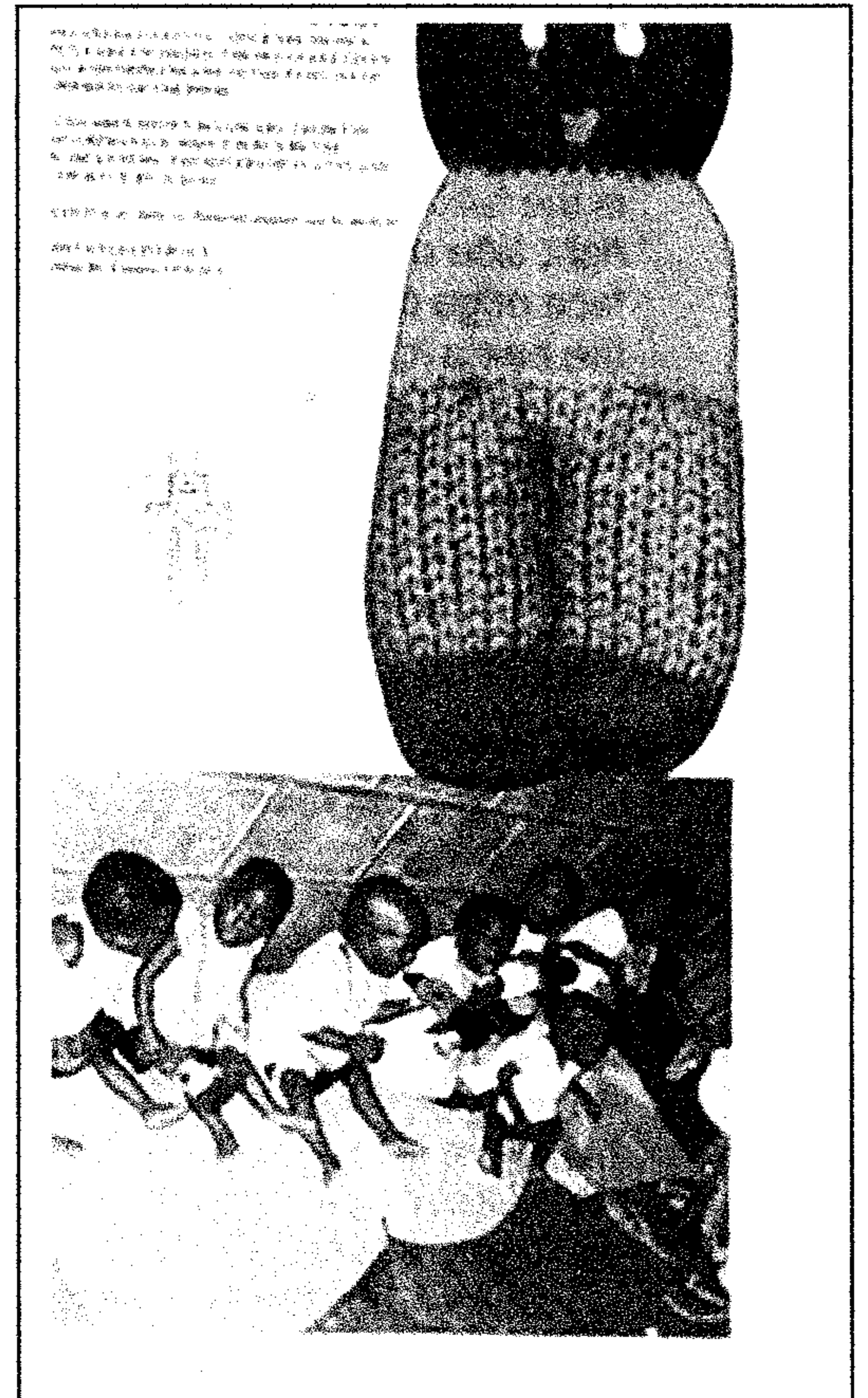
Row 9: Dec 5 sts evenly across row (17 sts).

Row 10: P across row.

Row 11: (K1. K2 tog) 9 times.

Draw yarn through remaining sts and pull up.

**To finish:** 1. Sew sides together to form a centre back seam. 2. Stuff head. Weave a single strand of matching yarn across the first face row. Draw up to form neck and secure ends. 3. Repeat for body, drawing in at ankles. 4. Stuff feet and sew up bottom, pulling in as much as possible. 5. With matching yarn, form arms with tiny back stitches through all layers from waist to 2 rows beneath the neck. Define legs in same way, from bottom to just below waistline. 6. Embroider hair and facial features as desired.



### BASIC HAIR

If hair is required it is the same for boys and girls. The hair is worked in g-st, using one 5 ½ mm (No 5 USA 8) knitting needle, and one 3mm (No 11, USA 2) knitting needle. Use this pair of odd sized needles to knit alternate rows.

Using the larger size needle and the required hair colour cast on 12 sts.

1<sup>st</sup> row: K2tog, K to last 3 sts, turn,

2<sup>nd</sup> row: K to last st, inc 1<sup>st</sup> in last st.

3<sup>rd</sup> row: K to last 2 sts, turn

4<sup>th</sup> row: K to the end

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> rows: K Repeat these 6 pattern rows 11 more times then cast off.

To Make Up: Over sew cast on and cast off edges together. Note that the wavy set of row ends is the face edge of the hair. Gather up the opposite set of row ends tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out. For boy doll, place the hair on the head with over sew seam at centre back. Sew face edge of hair in place, pulling down each wavy edge slightly as you do this. For girl doll, pull the hair a little further down onto the head at the back and sides, then sew wavy edge in place.

### BASIC SKIRT

Cast on 64 sts using same needles that you knit the doll with. K 2 rows of colour required and knit the rest of the skirt in stocking st to required length for skirt on the doll. The first 2 rows K are to make a hem that stops the skirt from curling up. On the last row knit two sts together to make the 32 st then cast off. Sew skirt to doll.

### BASIC HAT FOR GIRL

Brim: Begin at outer edge of brim and cast on 72 st with 3mm or number 11 needles. G-st 8 rows.

Next row: (K1, slip 1 K1, pss0) to end—48 sts, cast off. Over sew row ends tog ether.

Crown: Begin at lower edge and cast on 48 st and G-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K1, slip 1, K1, pss0) to end—32 st. Garter st 3 rows.

Next row Slip 1, K1, pss0) to the end—16 sts . Garter st 2 rows.

Next row: (Slip 1, K1, pss0) to end—8sts. Break off yarn leaving a long string for sewing. Thread the yarn through these 8 sts and pull up tightly together. (B&T) Sew the side seams together to make the crown.

To make up: Over sew cast off edge of hat brim to cast on edge of crown, Place hat on doll's head and sew to head where brim joins the crown. Sew flowers to hat adding a few loops of green yarn at back of flowers for leaves.

FLOWERS: Using chosen colour cast on 16 st. loosely, K1 row, using 3mm needles. Next row (P2tog) to the end. B&T tightly. Oversew row ends together . Make a French knot or a few stitches in the center with another colour for the flower center. Sew to hat adding a few green loops for leaves.

For the boys a belt can be knit and a buckle can be stitched on. Or a little pocket can be knit and sewed onto the pants.

The hair the the boy is the same if required but the original comfort doll has a toque knit onto the doll.

All parts must be securely sewn onto the doll so that the children are not able to get them off and choke on them.