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*Dolly headed corkscrew creepies*

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# The Story of the Villagers:

There was a time when there were many Dolly Headed Corkscrew People. Lounging about, keeping yarn baskets company, adored by the grannies who made them and horrifying just about everyone else. So many of us like to think we've left those tacky days of frightful crochet behind us, but what of those once loved albeit tacky, creepy, oddities? What becomes of an entire species of innocent creatures cast out because the descendants of their makers consider the creatures too tacky?



These creatures can be rare now, so I was impressed and dumbfounded by our great luck to stumble upon an entire hive, or "village" as they call their home in a thrift store basket, of the elusive and long ago cast off crochet creepies. I found them to be at once happy to have my attention as well as standoffish and suspicious. Their culture is still a mystery, all we can see is that they spend their days lounging together in a pile. My time with them was brief and I had not the opportunity to detail their habits or their history.



I found them to be rather nice folk regardless of those creepy looks in their eyes. Just look at the doll, little orphan Sally. The village took her in and clothed her with the yarn from their own limbs

# The Villagers

## Materials:

Use any yarn or mix of yarns you like with the appropriate size hook.

Have fun hunting for great creepy dolly heads or make your own!

## Stitches Used:

ch chain

sc single crochet

dc double crochet

sl st slip stitch

dtr double treble

## Basic Corkscrew Body:

Make a chain of any length. The finished corkscrew will be shorter than the length of the chain you start with, when stretched the length of the corkscrew will be almost equal to the length of this chain.

Work 4 sc in each ch except the last chain, sl st in last chain and sl st back into the ch before the last.

## Legs:

Without fastening off the yarn from the body,

\* Ch the length for a leg. Work 4 sc in each ch until you reach the body, sl st in the space the leg chain started from.

Repeat from \* to make another leg, fasten off.

## Arms:

Choose where you'd like your corkscrew arms to be and sl st. to the nearest chain space in the body.

\* Ch the length for an arm.

Work 4 sc in each ch until you reach the body, sl st in the space the arm chain started from.

Repeat from \* to make another arm, fasten off.

## Simple Collar:

Ch 5, sl st to 1st ch to form a ring.

Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), work enough dc into the ring to fill the ring, sl st to first dc to finish the round.

The collar covers the spot where the head and body are joined. Use a simple collar like this one or make up your own!

See the last page for notes on assembly

# The Triplets

It seems I did somehow carry home with me a spore of sorts from the hive-village. I'm unsure of the nature of this spore, if I unknowingly carried it on my clothes, in my hair, or simply as a fascinated thought. This spore found its way into a stash of acrylic yarn (a dangerously active breeding ground for such a thing) and one morning I found the Triplet Sisters had blossomed from that stash of yarn. They wiggled their heads, blinked once (and I do mean once, I've never seen them blink again since) and said in unison "I feel pretty". So far, I've not bothered them, they seem harmless enough. Though I catch them with their heads together discussing things, like how to grow arms and hands..



## Simple Body

Make a chain of any length. (See Villagers body pattern for notes about chain length.)

Work 4 sc in each ch except the last chain, sl st in last ch and sl st back into ch before the last.  
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Repeat to create 3 Bodies total.

## Leafy Collars

Ch 5, sl st to 1st ch to form a ring.

Ch 5, \* work 1 dtr into ring, ch 4, sl st to 1st ch to create a picot, ch 5, sl st in ring, repeat from \* 4 more times to create a total of 5 Leafy Petals.

## Base

Chain 6, sl st. in 1st ch to form a ring.

1) Ch 1, work 12 sc into ring, sl st to sc at beginning of the round.

2) Ch 1, work 2 sc in each sc form previous round

3) Ch 1, work 2 sc in 1st st, 1 sc in each of next 4st, repeat from \* across round, sl st to sc at beginning of the round.

4 - 7) Ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc, sl st to sc at beginning of the round. Fasten Off.

## Assembling the Creepies

How you put your Corkscrew Creepy together depends on the head you use. When it comes to heads there are so many choices! Parts from old dolls, vintage dolly heads like the ones on the Villagers, new doll heads found in a craft store or something. The Triplets' heads had a wire sticking out from the base of each head so I was able to use that wire to hold the body in place. When in doubt hot glue can work like a charm!

I used hot glue to attach the collar to the head, making sure the wire poked through the center of the collar. Once the collar was attached, I simply bent and cut the wire to make a hook to secure the corkscrew body.

Once the Triplets are assembled, stuff the ends of the corkscrew bodies into the hole in the center of the base.



## What to do with these Creepies?

Because they're limp and springy and odd, there are many ways to use and display your Corkscrew Creepies. Pipe cleaners or wire can be used to shape and pose, try using thread or wire to hang them for display (this is how the Triplets were posed for photos) or make them into puppets, stage murderous scenarios with a chalk line around your Creepy, or work really long cork screw bodies and twist together to make a scarf. Nothing like a corkscrew creepy scarf full of Dolly heads to let folks know you mean business!