

The Art of Amigurumi Kokeshi Dolls: An Interview with Sayjai Thawornsupacharoen



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Amigurumi kokeshi dolls are a unique and charming form of Japanese folk art. They are made by crocheting or knitting yarn into the shape of a kokeshi doll, a traditional Japanese wooden doll. Amigurumi kokeshi dolls are often decorated with bright colors and intricate designs, and they make wonderful gifts or collectibles.

In this interview, we talk to artist Sayjai Thawornsupacharoen about her process for creating these beautiful dolls. Sayjai has been crocheting for over 20 years, and she has a passion for creating amigurumi kokeshi dolls. She sells her dolls online and at craft fairs, and she also teaches workshops on how to make them.



An amigurumi kokeshi doll made by Sayjai Thawornsupacharoen.

What inspired you to start making amigurumi kokeshi dolls?

I have always been fascinated by Japanese culture, and I love the traditional kokeshi dolls. I started making amigurumi kokeshi dolls as a way to combine my love of Japanese culture with my passion for crocheting.

What is your process for making an amigurumi kokeshi doll?

I start by crocheting the basic shape of the doll. Then, I add the details, such as the eyes, nose, mouth, and hair. I use a variety of stitches to create different textures and patterns. Finally, I stuff the doll with fiberfill and add any finishing touches, such as ribbons or buttons.

What are some of the challenges of making amigurumi kokeshi dolls?

One of the challenges is getting the proportions right. Kokeshi dolls have a very distinctive shape, and it can be difficult to recreate that shape in crochet. Another challenge is getting the details right. Kokeshi dolls often have very intricate designs, and it can be difficult to replicate those designs in crochet.

What are some of the rewards of making amigurumi kokeshi dolls?

One of the rewards is seeing the finished product. It is always so satisfying to see a beautiful amigurumi kokeshi doll come to life. Another reward is the joy of sharing my dolls with others. I love seeing the smiles on people's faces when they receive an amigurumi kokeshi doll.

What advice would you give to someone who wants to start making amigurumi kokeshi dolls?

My advice would be to start with a simple pattern. Once you have mastered the basics, you can start to experiment with more complex patterns. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Everyone makes mistakes when they are first learning how to crochet. Just keep practicing and you will eventually get the hang of it.

I would also recommend finding a good online community or forum where you can connect with other amigurumi makers. There are many helpful people who are willing to share their tips and advice.

Thank you for sharing your story, Sayjai!

I hope you enjoyed this interview with Sayjai Thawornsupacharoen. If you are interested in learning more about amigurumi kokeshi dolls, I encourage you to visit Sayjai's website or follow her on social media.

- Sayjai's website
- Sayjai's Facebook page
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