SURPRISE SUGAR PLUM FAIRY

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SKILL LEVEL
Beginner

TOOLS
Zoom Loom
Weaving Needle
Tapestry Needle
Felting Needle
Crochet Hook

OPTIONAL TOOLS
Incredible Rope Machine
Knitting Needles

MATERIALS
Sport Weight Wool Yarn in: Plum, Gray/Beige, and Green
Wool Roving or Leftover Yarn
Mohair Locks

OPTIONAL
Beads
Embroidery Floss

SQUARES
4- Plum
1- Grey/Beige
2- Green

WEAVING
Weave 7 squares in the colors specified above. Sew in tails and lightly full by hand in warm water. Lay flat to dry and steam press.

ASSEMBLY

Dress: Join 3 plum squares to create a ring. On one of the open ends, pull a thread in each square along the top edge and cinch to form the top of the skirt. For the bodice, fold the 4th plum square in half and seam the short ends together to create a small loop. Join the bottom of the small loop to the top of the skirt. (This is pretty cute on its own, and with a small hanger and some thread, this could make a great ornament.)

Head: Start by folding the gray/beige square in half, then roll it up, securing the edge of the roll to the body of the roll by a simple whipstitch. This should allow the center of the roll to pull out, creating a small pocket. Fill this pocket with wool or leftover yarn scraps, then sew the pocket up. The “stem” of the roll will serve as the neck of the fairy, and shaping it by stitching it together further will help the look of the finished piece.
Wings and Leaf: (Make 2) Weave a length of matching yarn diagonally across the square, scrunch up the center, and then tie the length of yarn in a knot, securing the wing/leaf shape.

Arms: Using a rope machine, make 2 passes of yarn in gray/beige, approximately 1/2 yard long. Tie knots approximately 7" apart from one another, and cut the rope on either side of these knots.

Alternate method: Knit some i-cord approximately 7" long and 3-4 stitches wide.

Adding the arms: Using a crochet hook, pass the arms through the sides of the bodice of the dress.

Attach the head: Place the neck of the head into the top bodice of the dress and tack it and the arms into place.

Stuff the bodice: Working on the inside, fill the bodice with wool or leftover yarn, and sew the bodice together, sewing 4 points together as shown. At this juncture, attach the remaining wing/leaf piece to create the leaves on the inside of the skirt.

Drawstring: With one yard of gray/beige, create a thin rope by securing one end of the length of yarn to a table, adding twist to it, and then folding it in half, tying a knot in one side, and then letting it double back on itself. Weave the drawstring around the bottom edge of the dress, then tie a knot where the ends meet, and cut off the excess.

Add the wings: Stitch a wing/leaf to the back of the bodice.

Adding hair: Needle felt mohair locks or yarn into place on top of the head.

Optional: Sew beads onto the face for eyes, decorate the bodice of the dress with embroidery or beads. Wrap an extra piece of the drawstring around the waist of the dress for added decoration.

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