

# Crochet Pattern – Himura Kenshin



*This pattern is inspired by the Japanese film adaptation of the Rurouni Kenshin manga created by Nobuhiro Watasuki.*

*The character featured is Himura Kenshin, also known as Hitokiri Battōsai, a former legendary assassin turned wanderer who wields a sakabatō (a reverse-blade sword) in accordance with his vow to never kill again.*

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**NOTE:**

- For advanced beginners (must have basic crochet knowledge including how to do [colour change](#) and hair embroidery)
- Finished product measures about three inches tall
- Work in continuous rounds; use a stitch marker if need be

**MATERIALS:**

B hook (1-2.25mm)

8 ply yarns (colours: beige, black, red, white, and copper/ dull orange)

Embroidery thread (colours: red and white)

Pipe cleaner or some kind of wire for the sword

Safety eyes (7.5mm)

Stuffing (wool or fiberfill)

**ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS):**

<b>BLO</b>	back loop only	<b>Rnd</b>	round
<b>ch</b>	chain	<b>sc</b>	single crochet
<b>dc</b>	double crochet	<b>sc2tog</b>	2 sc together
<b>FLO</b>	front loop only	<b>sl st</b>	slip stitch
<b>FO</b>	fasten off	<b>st</b>	stitch
<b>inc</b>	increase (2 sc in st)		

## **Head**



Using beige yarn,

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around (12)

Rnd 3: \*sc, inc\* 6 times (18)

Rnd 4: \*sc in next 2 st, inc\* 6 times (24)

Rnd 5-7: sc in each st around (24)

Rnd 8: \*sc in next 2 st, sc2tog\* 6 times (18)

Rnd 9: sc in each st around (18)

Rnd 10: \*sc in next st, sc2tog\* 6 times (12)

Rnd 11: \*sc2tog\* 6 times (6)

FO and leave a long tail for assembly.

Place safety eyes between rows 6 and 7 (3 st apart).

## **Body/ Top**

Using beige yarn,

Rnd 1: 5 sc in a magic ring (5)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around (10)

Rnd 3: \*sc, inc\* 3 times in beige yarn, \*sc, inc\* 2 times in red yarn (10)

Rnd 4: sc in next st in red yarn, sc in next 4 st in beige yarn, sc in remaining 10 st in red yarn (15)

Rnd 5: sc in next 2 st in red yarn, sc in next 2 st in beige yarn, sc in remaining 10 st in red yarn (15)

Using red yarn,

Rnd 6: \*sc in next 2 st, inc\* 5 times (20)

Rnd 7: sc in each st around (20)

Rnd 8: \*sc in next 3 st, inc\* 5 times (25)

Rnd 9: sc in each st around (25)

Using white yarn,

Rnd 10-11: sc2tog around (12; crosses over to the first st of Rnd 12)

FO and weave in tail.

### **Legs (make two)**



Using black yarn,

Rnd 1: 4 sc in a magic ring (4)

Rnd 2: \*sc, inc\* 2 times (6)

Rnd 3: sc in each st around (6)

Using white yarn,

Rnd 4: sc in each st around (6)

Rnd 5: \*sc in next 2 st, inc\* 2 times (8)

Rnd 6: sc in each st around (8)

FO and leave a long tail for assembly.

### **Arms/ Sleeves (make two)**

Using red yarn,

Rnd 1: 4 sc in a magic ring (4)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around (8)

Rnd 3: sc in each st around (8)

Rnd 4: \*sc, inc\* 4 times (12)



Rnd 5: \*sc in next 2 st, inc\* 4 times (16)

Rnd 6-7: sc in each st around (16)

FO and leave a long tail for assembly.

### **Hands (make two)**



Using beige yarn,

Rnd 1: 4 sc in a magic ring (4)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around (8)

Rnd 3: sc in each st around (8)

FO and leave a long tail for assembly.

### **Clothing Embellishment (Collar)**

Using red yarn,

Row 1: ch 25, sc in each ch (24)

FO and sew in tail.

Using black yarn,

Row 2: sc from 3rd st at the other end, to 4th st from opposite end (17)

FO and leave a long tail for assembly.

### **Clothing Embellishment (Belt)**

Using white yarn,

Row 1: ch 32, sc in each ch (31)

FO and sew in tail.

### **Clothing Embellishment (Bottom)**



Using white yarn,

Row 1: ch 24, sc in each ch (23)

FO and leave a long tail for assembly.

Using white yarn,

Row 2: BLO - dc in next 8 st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 8 st (25)

Row 3: ch 1 and turn, sc in next 8 st, \*inc\* 2 times, sc in next 5 st, \*inc\* 2 times, sc in next 8 st (30 including ch 1)

FO and leave a long tail for assembly.

### **Weapon (Hilt and Scabbard)**



You will need to use a pipe cleaner/ wire to make the sword firm. Make sure to bend the ends and tape any sharp edges.

#### **Grip and Scabbard:**

Using black yarn,

Rnd 1: 4 sc in a magic ring (4)

Rnd 2- desired scabbard length: sc in each st around (4)

Rnd X1: sc, sc2tog, sc (3)

Rnd X2 -3: sc in each st around (3)

FO, insert the pipe cleaner/ wire into your crochet piece and leave a long tail to attach it onto your doll if you want the sword to be in a fixed position/ non-removable. Otherwise, just weave in the ends.

Using the white embroidery thread, wrap a few times (in a random manner) at the top of the sword. Tie a knot to secure it and weave in ends. This would be the grip.

### **Cross-guard:**

Using black yarn,

Rnd 1: ch 2, 4 sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch, sl st to first st (4)

FO, insert the grip into the cross-guard and leave sufficient tail length to attach the cross-guard at the section between the grip and scabbard.

### **Assembly (in the following sequence)**

- Sew the collar to the body.
- Sew the hands to the top of the sleeves.
- Sew the sleeves to the body.
- Sew the legs to the body.
- Sew the bottom to the body (waist area) and use the tail to sew in-between the bottom so it looks more like a pair of pants.
- Tie the belt around the waist.
- Using copper/orange yarn, sew the hair to the head (I use the [embroidery method](#) for fringe, [sew down method](#) for the long hair, and [latch hook method](#) to enable a few stands of fringe to fall into his left eye. I would recommend that you do a Google search first for an image of Kenshin, which you like and try to replicate that hairstyle onto your doll)
- Sew the head to the body.
- Style the hair (I use a few drops of water and hair dryer to keep his hair in place)
- Sew the sword under his left sleeve/ near his left hand (optional)
- Don't forget his legendary scar!

Congratulations! I would love to see the result of your hard work. Do share a picture of your finished doll with me via my [Facebook](#) or [email](#) 😊