

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.

If you have any questions about this pattern, feel free to contact me at myartpetite@gmail.com

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Thanks and enjoy!

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):

BLO	back loop only	Rnd	round
ch	chain	sc	single crochet
dc	double crochet	sc2tog	2 sc together
FLO	front loop only	sl st	slip stitch
FO	fasten off	st	stitch
inc	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 2nd 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](#) 😊