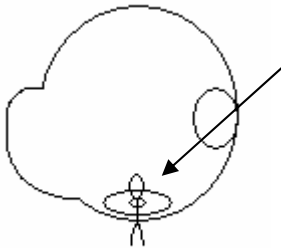
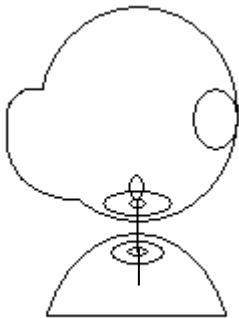


Using Disc & Cotter Pin with One Piece Head

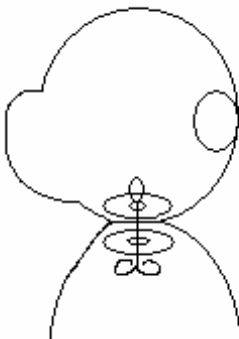
When you make a bear head that is one piece, your rounds will end at the center backside of the head. With this style of head you would insert the disc & cotter pin before you stuff the head. Following are examples on how the disc & cotter pin work in this style head. Please note that pattern instructions may vary on how to do this, but these instructions should give you a general idea on how to use discs and cotter pins for jointing the heads to the bodies on thread crochet bears.



Insert a cotter pin through the hole in the center of a disc. Insert the disc and cotter pin through the opening in head. Gently push the cotter pin in between the stitches on the bottom center of head. (Do not go through the stitches as this may cause a hole in your work). Once the disc and pin are inserted you would then begin to stuff the head. You can then continue to follow the instructions of your pattern.



You would next begin the body section of the pattern. Follow your instructions to the point where it tells you to attach the head to the body. At this point you would take the second disc, insert it into the body cavity making sure the pin goes through the hole of this disc.



Once you have the second disc in place you will take your pliers or your cotter turning tool and turn the ends of the pin under one at a time. Do not turn the pins too tight as you want the head to be able to freely rotate on the body. You can then continue to follow the directions of your pattern.

Note: Some patterns call for placing the pin and disc into the body cavity and then inserting the second disc into the head. You would then turn the pin ends inside the head. It is the same concept as above only in reverse order.