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# Geoffrey giraffe

Kids will love playing with this cuddly character, designed by **ANN FRANKLIN** – just as much as you'll love knitting him!

**You will need**

✓ **Yarn**  
60g of Patons Fab DK in Beige (shade 2331), A and Camel (shade 2308), B

✓ **Needles**  
3.25mm (UK size 10) knitting needles

✓ **Other**  
160g of toy stuffing

**YARN DETAIL**

**Patons Fab DK**

01484 681881  
See page 92 for website address

**Content** 100% acrylic

**Weight** 100g

**Length** 274m

**Wash** Machine wash 40°C

**RRP** around £2.50

**Tension**

Tension is not important for this project

**Abbreviations**

**B&T** Break and thread: Break off the yarn and thread it through the sts remaining on the needle. Pull the thread up tightly to secure

**cm** centimetre(s)

**in** inch(es)

**K** knit

**k2tog** knit 2sts together

**kfb** knit into the front and back of the st

**P** purl

**p2tog** purl 2sts together

**pssso** pass slipped st over

**sl1** slip 1st

**st(s)** stitch(es)

**st st** stocking stitch

**tbl** through the back loop

**Finished size**

46cm or 18in from horn to foot

**BODY**

Using A, **cast on** 20sts.

**Row 1:** Kfb in every stitch. 40sts.

Beginning with a purl row, st st three rows.

**Row 5:** (K1, kfb) to the end of the row. 60sts.

Beginning with a purl row, st st three rows.

**Row 9:** (K1, kfb) x 5; K10; (K1, kfb) x 10; K10; (K1, kfb) x 5. 80sts.

Beginning with a purl row, st st three rows.

**Row 13:** (K2, kfb) x 5; K10; (K2, kfb) x 10; K10; (K2, kfb) x 5. 100sts.

**Row 14:** Purl.

Join in yarn B and then commence the two-colour pattern. In the following instructions, work in stocking stitch in the colours indicated:

**Row 15:** K1A; (K1B, K3A) to the last 3sts; K1B, K2A.

**Row 16:** (P1A, P3B) to the end of the row.

**Row 17:** (K3B, K1A) to the end of the row.

**Row 18:** P2A, P1B; (P3A, P1B) to last st; P1A.

**Row 19:** (K3A, K1B) to the end of the row.

**Row 20:** P2B, P1A; (P3B, P1A) to the last st; P1B.

**Row 21:** K1B, K1A; (K3B, K1A) to the last 2sts; K2B.

**Row 22:** (P1B, P3A) to the end of the row.

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These eight rows set the colour pattern. Keep the colour pattern as set for the remainder of the body, working any shaping in the pattern.

Beginning with a knit row, st st four more rows.

**Row 27:** Cast off 2sts, knit to the end of the row. 98sts.

**Row 28:** Cast off 2sts, purl to the end of the row. 96sts.

**Row 29:** Cast off 3sts, knit to the end of the row. 93sts.

**Row 30:** Cast off 3sts, purl to the end of the row. 90sts.

**Row 31:** Cast off 5sts, knit to the end of the row. 85sts.

**Row 32:** Cast off 5sts, purl to the end of the row. 80sts.

**Row 33:** Cast off 5sts, knit to the end of the row. 75sts.

**Row 34:** Cast off 5sts, purl to the end of the row. 70sts.

**Row 35:** Cast off 10sts, knit to the end of the row. 60sts.

**Row 36:** Cast off 10sts, purl to the end of the row. 50sts.

**Row 37:** Knit.

**Row 38:** Purl.

**Row 39:** Cast off 5sts, knit to the end of the row. 45sts.

**Row 40:** Cast off 5sts, P to end of row. 40sts.

**Row 41:** Knit to the end of the row.

**Row 42:** Purl to the end of the row.

Decrease 1st at each end of the next row, and then every fourth row until 24sts remain.

Work three more rows without shaping.

Cast off in A.

**HEAD**

Using A, **cast on** 5sts.

**Row 1:** Kfb in every st. 10sts.

**Row 2:** Purl.

**Row 3:** (K1, kfb) to the end of the row. 15sts.

**Row 4:** Purl.

**Row 5:** (K2, kfb) to the end of the row. 20sts.

Beginning with a purl row, st st three rows.

Join in B and commence the colour pattern as given in rows 15-22 of the body.

**Rows 9-12:** Beginning with a knit row, st st four rows in colour pattern without shaping.

Keeping the colour pattern correct as set, and bringing any extra sts into the colour pattern, work as follows:

**Row 13:** Kfb in first st, knit to the last st, kfb. 22sts.

**Row 14:** Purl.

Repeat rows 13-14 four times more. 30sts.

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**Row 23:** Kfb in first st, knit to the last st, kfb. 32sts.

**Row 24:** Kfb in first st, purl to the last st, kfb. 34sts.

Repeat rows 23-24 twice more. 42sts.

**Row 29:** Knit.

**Row 30:** Purl.

**Row 31:** Knit.

**Row 32:** Purl.

**Row 33:** (K2A, k2togA, K1B, K1A, k2togA, K1A, K1B, k2togA, K2A, k2togB) x 2; K2A, k2togA, K1B, K1A, k2togA, K1A, K1B. 32sts.

**Row 34:** P2B, (P1A, P3B) to last 2sts, P1A, P1B.

**Row 35:** (K1A, k2togB, K1B, k2togB) to last 2sts, K1A, K1B. 22sts.

**Row 36:** (P3A, P1B) to last 2sts, P2A.

**Row 37:** (K2togA, k2togB) to last 2sts, k2togA. 11sts.

**Row 38:** (P1A, P1B) to last st, P1A.

**Row 38:** (P1A, P1B) to last st, P1A.

**Row 38:** (P1A, P1B) to last st, P1A.

**Row 38:** (P1A, P1B) to last st, P1A.

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**Row 38:** (P1A, P1B) to last st, P1A.



**LEGS (MAKE FOUR)**

Using 3.25mm needles, **cast on** 15sts.

**Row 1:** Purl.

**Row 2:** Kfb in every stitch. 30sts.

Beginning with a purl row, stocking stitch five rows.

**Row 8:** (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row. 20sts.

**Row 9:** Purl.

Join in A, and then work 32 rows straight in the colour pattern as given in rows 15-22 of the back (four repeats of rows 15-22).

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and bringing any extra sts into the colour pattern, work as follows:

**Row 42:** Cast on 2sts, knit to end. 22sts.

**Row 43:** Cast on 2sts, purl to end. 24sts.

**Row 44:** Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. 26sts.

**Row 45:** Purl.

Repeat rows 44–45 twice more. 30sts.

**Row 50:** K2togtbl, knit to the last 2sts, k2tog. 28sts.

**Row 51:** P2tog, purl to last 2sts, p2togtbl.

Repeat rows 50–51 until 10sts remain.

B&T.

## TAIL

Using A, **cast on** 5sts.

Beginning with a knit row, st st two rows.

**Row 3:** Join in B. K2A, K1B, K2A.

**Row 4:** P1A, P3B, P1A.

**Row 5:** K1A, K3B, K1A.

**Row 6:** K2A, K1B, K2A.

**Row 7:** K1B, K3A, K1B.

**Row 8:** P2B, P1A, P2B.

**Row 9:** K2B, K1A, K2B.

**Row 10:** P1B, P3A, P1B.

**Row 11:** KfbA, K1A, K1B, K1A, kfbA. 7sts.

**Row 12:** P2A, P3B, P2A.

**Row 13:** K2A, K3B, K2A.

**Row 14:** P3A, P1B, P3A.

**Row 15:** KfbA, K1B, K3A, K1B, kfbA. 9sts.

**Row 16:** (P1A, P3B) x 2; P1A.

**Row 17:** (K1A, K3B) x 2; K1A.

**Row 18:** P2A, P1B, P3A, P1B, P2A.

**Row 19:** K2togtblA, K2A, K1B, K2A, k2togA. 7sts.

**Row 20:** P2A, P3B, P2A.

**Row 21:** K2togtblA, K3B, k2togA. 5sts.

**Row 22:** P2A, P1B, P2A.

**Row 23:** K2togtblA, K1A, k2togA. 3sts.

B&T.

## HORNS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.25mm needles and A, **cast on** 6sts.

Work eight rows st st.

B&T.

## OUTER EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.25mm needles and A, **cast on** 3sts.

**Row 1:** Purl.

**Row 2:** Kfb x 2, K1. 5sts.

**Row 3:** Purl.

**Row 4:** Kfb, knit to last 2sts, kfb. 7sts.

Beginning with a purl row, st st three rows.

**Row 8:** K2togtbl, K3, k2tog. 5sts.

**Row 9:** Purl.

**Row 10:** K2togtbl, K1, k2tog. 3sts.

**Row 11:** Purl.

**Row 12:** Sl1, k2tog, pssso.

## MANE

Using B, **cast on** 3sts.

Work in garter stitch (every row knit) until the

mane is long enough to fit up the giraffe's neck and along the back of the head (approximately 20cm or 8in).

Cast off.

## FRINGE

Using B and 3.25mm needles, **cast on** 5sts.

Work 10 rows garter stitch.

Cast off.

## INNER EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.25mm needles and B, **cast on** 3sts.

**Row 1:** Knit.

**Row 2:** Kfb, K1, kfb. 5sts.

**Row 3:** Knit.

**Row 4:** Kfb, K3, kfb. 7sts.

**Row 5:** Knit.

**Row 6:** K2togtbl, K3, k2tog. 5sts.

**Row 7:** Knit.

**Row 8:** K2togtbl, K1, k2tog. 3sts.

**Row 9:** Knit.

Cast off.

## MAKING UP

Fold the body in half and join the seam, leaving the cast on and cast off stitches open. Turn to the right side and stuff firmly. Sew the cast on stitches together. Join the head for approximately 4cm or 1½in from the B&T stitches. Sew a running stitch through the cast on sts and pull this thread tightly to close the circle, then sew the seam from the giraffe's nose for approximately 7cm or 2¾in. Turn to the right side and stuff firmly. Place the giraffe's head over the cast off stitches at the top of the neck, and join the head to the body.

Sew the mane from the bottom of the neck, up the neck (following the seam), and then across the back of the head. Sew a running stitch through one side seam of the fringe and pull this up tightly. Sew this edge of the fringe to the head, just in front of the mane. Sew the horns using ladder stitch and leaving the cast on edges open. Sew the cast on edges to the head, on either side of the fringe. Sew the inner ears to the outer ears, placing the inner ears sideways on, so that the rows of the inner ears go from the top to the bottom of the outer ears. Sew the ears to the head, on either side of the giraffe's horns.

Using B, make two French stitches on either side of the nose for the nostrils, then using a length of dark brown or black yarn, make two eyes using a few backstitches on either side of the face, about 11sts apart. Cut four 7cm or 2¾in strands of B for the end of the tail. Sew through the centre of these strands and then sew them firmly to the cast on end of the tail. Ladder stitch the seam of the tail together up the second set

of increases, then stuff the tail firmly. Pin and then sew the open shaped end of the tail onto the back of the giraffe's body. Join the side seams of the legs up to the shaped portion at the top, leaving the top shaped portion open. Turn, and then sew a running stitch through the cast on stitches on the base of the giraffe's legs, pulling this thread up tightly to close the circle. Stuff the legs firmly. Pin and then sew the open parts of the legs to the giraffe. ■



Geoffrey even has a tail, perfect for swishing away all those flies!