

EXCLUSIVE  
KNIT TODAY PATTERN

# Percy the Panda

A friendly panda bear, knitted in simple stocking stitch. By **Anne Franklin**



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"This loveable panda bear is knitted in stocking stitch, the simplest of techniques, so it won't take you too long to finish!"

**COST**  
£4

**DIFFICULTY**  
EASY

**TECHNIQUES USED**  
✦ SHAPING  
✦ CHANGING COLOUR



## Pattern info



"Percy is an adorable alternative to the traditional teddy – why not make him for a newborn baby?"



**BETH,**  
ART  
ASSISTANT

*Everyone remembers* their first cuddly toy, and this panda bear is the perfect christening or first birthday gift. Soft and squashy, Percy won't spend much time on the toy shelf – in fact, he's sure to become a firm friend!

### Materials

- ◆ Yarn  
60g of Stylecraft Special DK in White (shade 1001)  
50g of Stylecraft Special DK in Black (shade 1002)
- ◆ Needles  
3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles
- ◆ Accessories  
150g of toy stuffing

### Yarn detail

- ◆ Stylecraft Special DK  
[www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk](http://www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk)  
01535 609798
- ◆ 100% acrylic
- ◆ 100g/295m
- ◆ Machine wash 40°C
- ◆ £1.99 per ball

### Tension

20 sts and 28 rows to 10cm or 4in over st st using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles

### Special abbreviations

**B&T** (break & thread)  
Break the wool and thread the tail onto a tapestry needle. Thread the yarn end through the sts on the knitting needle, then take the sts off the needle and pull the tail up to tighten the sts into a circle.

- ◆ Turn to page 92 for full list of abbreviations

### Yarn alternatives

- ◆ Patons Fab DK in Black (shade 02311) and White (shade 02306)  
[www.makeitcoats.com](http://www.makeitcoats.com)  
01484 68188
- ◆ Hayfield Bonus DK in Black (shade 965) and White (shade 961)  
[www.sirdar.co.uk](http://www.sirdar.co.uk)  
01484 68188

Break off Black. Join in the small ball of White, and the main Black and White balls as needed on the next row. Using these joined in colours, follow the colour scheme as given in the pattern until further advised, crossing the yarns at the colour changes to prevent gaps between the colours.

**Row 55:** K6 White, K48 Black, K6 White.

**Row 56:** P7 White, P46 Black, P7 White.

**Row 57:** In White: K4, k2tog, K2; in Black: K2, k2tog, (K4, k2tog) x 6, K3; in White: K1, k2tog, K4, k2tog. 50 sts.

**Row 58:** P8 White, P34 Black, P8 White.

**Row 59:** K9 White, K32 Black, K9 White.

**Row 60:** P10 White, P30 Black, P10 White.

**Row 61:** K11 White, K28 Black, K11 White.

**Row 62:** P12 White, P26 Black, P12 White.

**Row 63:** In White: (K3, k2tog) x 2, K3; in Black: k2tog, (K3, k2tog) x 4, K2; in White: K1, k2tog, (K3, k2tog) x 2. 40 sts.

Break off Black and small ball of White.

Continuing in White only:

**Row 64:** Purl.

**Row 65:** Increase for head (K1, kfb) to the end of the row. 60 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, st st 19 rows.

**Row 85:** (K4, k2tog) to the end of the row. 50 sts.

**Row 86 and every alt row:** Purl.

**Row 87:** (K3, k2tog) to the end. 40 sts.

**Row 89:** (K2, k2tog) to the end of the row. 30 sts.

**Row 91:** (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row. 20 sts.

**Row 93:** (K2tog) to the end of the row.

10 sts.

B&T.

### LEGS (MAKE TWO THE SAME)

**Note:** There is a variation on rows 46/47 Using 3.25mm needles and Black, cast on 20 sts.

**Row 1(RS):** Purl.

**Row 2(WS):** (Kfb) to the end of the row. 40 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, stocking stitch nine rows.

**Row 12:** K12, (k2tog) x 8, K12. 32 sts.

**Row 13:** Purl.

**Row 14:** K10, (k2tog) x 6, K10. 26 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, stocking stitch 31 rows.

### FIRST LEG

**Row 46:** Cast off 13sts, knit to end. 13 sts.

**Row 47:** Purl.

### SECOND LEG

**Row 46:** Knit.

**Row 47:** Cast off 13sts, purl to end. 13 sts.

### BODY & HEAD

**Note:** Before starting to knit, wind off a small ball of white yarn for three-colour rows section at upper back

Using 3.25mm needles and white DK yarn, cast on 10 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** Kfb to end of the row. 20 sts.

**Row 2 (WS) and every alt row:** Purl.

**Row 3:** (K1, kfb) to end of the row. 30 sts.

**Row 5:** (K2, kfb) to end of the row. 40 sts.

**Row 7:** (K3, kfb) to end of the row. 50 sts.

**Row 9:** (K4, kfb) to end of the row. 60 sts.

**Row 11:** (K5, kfb) to end of the row. 70 sts.

**Row 13:** (K6, kfb) to end of the row. 80 sts.

**Row 15:** (K7, kfb) to the end of the row. 90 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, st st 23 rows.

**Row 39:** (K7, k2tog) to the end of the row. 80 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, st st five rows.

**Row 45:** (K6, k2tog) to the end of the row. 70 sts.

Purl one row.

Break off White, join in Black.

Beginning with a knit row, st st four rows.

**Row 51:** (K5, k2tog) to end of row. 60 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, stocking stitch three rows.

## BOTH LEGS

**Row 48:** K2togtbl, K9, k2tog. 11 sts.  
**Row 49:** P2tog, P7, P2togtbl. 9 sts.  
**Row 50:** K2togtbl, K5, K2tog. 7 sts.  
**Row 51:** P2tog, P3, P2togtbl. 5 sts.  
B&T.

## ARMS (MAKE TWO THE SAME)

Using 3.25mm needles and Black, cast on 10 sts.

**Row 1:** (Kfb) to the end of the row. 20 sts.  
Beginning with a purl row, st st 31 rows.

**Row 33:** Cast off 2sts, knit to the end of the row. 18sts.

**Row 34:** Cast off 2sts, purl to the end of the row. 16sts.

**Row 35:** K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. 14 sts.

**Row 36:** Purl.

Repeat rows 35 and 36 until 8 sts remain, ending on a RS (knit) row.

B&T.

## SNOUT

Using 3.25mm needles and White, cast on 8 sts.

**Row 1(RS):** (Kfb) to the end. 16 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, st st three rows.

**Row 5:** K4, (kfb) x 8, K4. 24 sts.

Beginning with a purl row, stocking stitch three rows.

**Row 9:** (K4, k2tog) to the end of the row. 20 sts.

**Row 10 & every alt row:** Purl.

**Row 11:** (K3, k2tog) to the end of the row. 16 sts.

**Row 13:** (K2, k2tog) to the end of the row. 12 sts.

**Row 15:** (K2tog) to the end of the row. 6 sts.  
B&T.

## EARS (MAKE FOUR PIECES THE SAME)

Using 3.25mm needles and Black, cast on 12 sts.

Beginning with a knit row, st st six rows.

**Row 7:** K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. 10 sts.

**Row 8:** Purl.

Repeat rows 7 and 8 once. 8 sts.

**Row 11:** (K2togtbl) x 2, (k2tog) x 2. 4 sts.  
B&T.

## EYE PATCHES (MAKE TWO THE SAME)

Using 3.25mm knitting needles and Black, cast on 14 sts.

**Row 1(RS):** Purl to the end of the row.



Percy is made using simple techniques, so he knits up quickly – ideal for a last minute present!

**Row 2(WS):** (K2tog) to the end of the row. 7 sts.

B&T.

## EYES (MAKE TWO THE SAME)

Using 3.25mm and Black, cast on 6 sts.

B&T.

## NOSE

Using 3.25mm knitting needles and Black, cast on 4 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** Purl.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2togtbl, knit two stitches

together. 2 sts.

B&T, leaving a long tail.

## MAKING UP

### BODY AND HEAD

Sew a running stitch through the cast on stitches, and pull them up into a closed circle. Join the seam, matching shapings and colour changes, and leaving a small gap for turning and stuffing. Turn and stuff firmly. Using White, sew a running stitch along the row below the head increase row and pull up slightly to form the neck.

### ARMS

Sew a running stitch through the cast on





*Move over teddy,  
there's a brand-new  
bear in town!*



stitches, and pull them up into a closed circle. Join the seam, leaving the shaped portion at the top of the arms open. Turn and stuff firmly. Sew the shaped portion of the arms to the side of the body.

#### **LEGS**

Join the foot seam, and the main leg seam up to the cast off stitches/shaped portion. Turn and stuff firmly. Now sew the panda's legs to the bottom of the body, with the main seam at the centre, and the shaped edge going slightly up the sides of the body. Make sure that the panda's feet are pointing forwards!

#### **SNOUT**

Sew a running stitch through the cast on stitches, and pull them up tightly. Turn to the right side and stuff. Sew the side seams (plus the cast on and cast off points) to the front of the head, about four rows above the neck shaping, with the cast on point at the centre bottom, and the B&T stitches at the centre top.

#### **NOSE**

Sew the nose to the centre front of the snout, with the cast on edge at the top. Use the long thread to sew a mouth by sewing a long horizontal stitch from either side of the snout a few rows below the nose, and catching the centre of this long stitch with a shorter vertical stitch from the centre lower point of the nose.

#### **EARS**

Sew two pieces together along the side and cast off edges. Turn to the right side and add a small amount of stuffing before oversewing the cast on edges together. Sew the ears to the side of the head at the top, with the centre of the ears slightly further back to the side edges to create a curved line.

#### **EYE PATCHES**

Join the side seams of the patches to form a circle, then sew them to either side of the panda's snout.

#### **EYES**

Sew a running stitch through the cast on stitches, and then pull these up into a closed circle. Continue to sew the running thread through the cast off (B&T) stitch, and then pull up so that the knitting forms a small ball. Sew the eyes to the centre of the eye patch. Using White, sew a small backstitch to the top of each eyeball, to create a glint in the eye. 