

# MEET LIL' MELLY

This super-cute elephant with bright blanket gives unbeatable cuddles and is sure to brighten up anyone's day

Knit  
for under  
£15



EASY TO KNIT

## YOU WILL NEED

- Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)  
1 ball of each:  
**Yarn A** Silver Mist (0678)  
**Yarn B** Bright Lemon (0819)  
**Yarn C** White (0961)  
**Yarn D** Emerald (0916)  
**Yarn E** Signal Red (0977)  
**Yarn F** Royal (0979)
- A pair of 3½mm knitting needles
- A 3½mm crochet hook
- 2 domed black buttons for eyes, 10mm size

- 200g toy stuffing
  - Stitch markers
  - Sewing pins for finishing
- For yarn stockists contact  
Sirdar 01924 231682  
[www.sirdar.com](http://www.sirdar.com)

## TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure  
10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using  
3½mm needles

## MEASUREMENTS

17cm tall by 19cm long

## ABBREVIATIONS

See [www.gathered.how](http://www.gathered.how)

## BLANKET GRID




## ELEPHANT TOY

**Note** Use a cable cast on for all pieces unless otherwise stated.

### BODY

**Note** Starts at back edge.

**Cast on** 36 sts using 3½mm needles and Yarn A.

**Row 1** (WS) Knit.

**Row 2** (RS) K16, kfb, K2, kfb, K16. [38 sts]

**Row 3** Knit.

**Row 4** K17, kfb, K2, kfb, K17. [40 sts]

**Row 5** **Cast on** 12 sts at beg of row, K52, **cast on** 12 sts at end of row. [64 sts]

**Row 6** K30, kfb, PM, K2, kfb, K30. [66 sts]

**Row 7** Knit to SM, sl SM, knit rem sts.

**Row 8** Knit to 1 st before SM, kfb, sl SM, K2, kfb, knit rem sts. [2 sts inc'd]

**Rows 9 to 20** Rep Rows 7 to 8 six more times. [80 sts]

**Row 21** Knit to SM, remove SM, knit rem sts.

**Rows 22 to 24** Knit.

**Row 25** **Cast off** first 12 sts, knit the rem sts. [68 sts]

**Row 26** **Cast off** first 12 sts, knit the rem sts. [56 sts]

**Rows 27 to 38** Knit.

**Row 39** **Cast on** 12 sts at beg of row, K68, **cast on** 12 sts at end of row. [80 sts]

**Rows 40 to 58** Knit.

**Row 59** **Cast off** first 12 sts, knit the rem sts. [68 sts]

**Row 60** **Cast off** first 12 sts, knit the rem sts. [56 sts]

**Row 61** **Cast on** 4 sts at beg of row, K33, PM, knit rem sts, **cast on** 4 sts at end of row. [64 sts]

**Row 62** Knit to 2 sts before SM, k2tog, sl SM, K2, k2tog, knit rem sts. [2 sts dec'd]

**Row 63** Knit to SM, sl SM, knit rem sts.

**Row 64** Rep Row 62. [60 sts]

**Row 65** **Cast on** 12 sts at beg of row, K to SM, sl SM, knit rem sts, **cast on** 12 sts at end of row. [84 sts]

**Row 66** Knit to 2 sts before SM, k2tog, sl SM, K2, k2tog, knit rem sts. [2 sts dec'd]

**Row 67** Knit to SM, sl SM, knit rem sts.

**Rows 68 to 75** Rep Rows 66 to 67 four more times. [74 sts]

**Cast off** and remove SM.

*"I never get tired of knitting toys, especially when they are as cute as little Melly. I love her simple garter stitch body and vibrant patchwork blanket – she has a gorgeous retro feel, which I'm a big fan of..."*

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



### BASE

**Note** Starts at back edge.

**Cast on** 32 sts using 3½mm needles and Yarn A.

**Rows 1 to 20** Knit.

**Row 21** **Cast off** first 12 sts, knit the rem sts. [20 sts]

**Row 22** **Cast off** first 12 sts, knit the rem sts. [8 sts]

**Rows 23 to 34** Knit.

**Row 35** **Cast on** 12 sts at beg of row, K20, **cast on** 12 sts at end of row. [32 sts]

**Rows 36 to 55** Knit.

**Cast off.**

### FEET (MAKE 4)

**Cast on** 21 sts using 3½mm needles and Yarn A.

**Rows 1 to 2** Knit.

**Row 3** (K2tog) 10 times, K1. [11 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

### EARS (MAKE 4)

**Cast on** 12 sts using 3½mm needles and Yarn A.

**Row 1** Knit.

**Row 2** K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc'd]

**Rows 3 to 14** Rep Rows 1 to 2 six more times. [26 sts]

**Rows 15 to 21** Knit.

**Row 22** K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]

**Row 23** Knit.

**Rows 24 to 27** Rep Rows 22 to 23 twice more. [20 sts]

**Cast off.**



## PATCHWORK BLANKET SQUARES (MAKE 2 IN YARN B, 2 IN YARN E, 3 IN YARN C AND 3 IN YARN D)

Cast on 20 sts using 3½mm needles.

Row 1 (WS) K10, PM, knit the rem sts.

Row 2 (RS) Knit to 2 sts before SM, k2tog, sl SM, k2tog, knit the rem sts. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 3 Knit to SM, sl SM, knit the rem sts.

Rows 4 to 17 Rep Rows 2 to 3 seven more times. [4 sts]

Row 18 K2tog, remove SM, k2tog. [2 sts]

Cast off.

## TO MAKE UP THE ELEPHANT

For the body, fold the cast-off edge of the Body in half and sew tog (this seam runs down the front of the trunk).

Sew the other side edge of the trunk tog and short side edges of Rows 62 to 63 underneath the trunk, but leave the side edges at the bottom of the trunk open.

Fold the cast-on edge of the Body in half and sew tog (this seam runs down the back of the Body).

Pin the edges of the Base to the edges of legs and Body and sew tog, but leave open the side edges at the bottom of each Foot.

Remove pins and stuff the Elephant through the openings in the Feet and bottom of the trunk.

Gather the sts tog at the bottom of the trunk. For each Foot sew the side edges tog to make a circular shape, and sew the cast-on edge of each Foot to the bottom of each leg.

For the tail, using a 3½mm crochet hook and Yarn A crochet a single chain 5cm long. Sew one end onto the back of the Body, and at the other end trim the yarn tail 1cm long and fray the ends.

For each Ear, sew two Ear pieces tog around side and cast-off edges, and sew cast-on edge onto the side of the Body. Sew on buttons for eyes.

## MAKING UP THE BLANKET

Sew squares tog to make a blanket 2 squares wide x 5 squares tall (see Chart). Using a 3½mm crochet hook and Yarn F, add a single crochet border around the edges. Using Yarn F, knot 3cm tassels onto the 2 short edges of the Blanket. Sew to Elephant's back. 🧶



Create a blanket 2 squares wide and 5 squares long by sewing the individual squares together and adding a border and tassels



Melly's body is knitted in garter stitch that's both quick to knit and also wonderfully huggable!

*"The patchwork blanket adds great character, and is ideal for using up any yarn oddments you have left over from other projects. You could work it in a single colour with a contrasting fringe if you prefer."*

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR

