



YOU WILL NEED

Oddments of DK yarn:

Yarn A White

Yarn B Brown

- A pair of 3mm needles
- 3mm and 4mm safety eyes ■ Black embroidery thread
- Split keyring with two chains
- Tapestry needle

TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension: 26 sts and 36 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Mum keyrings approx 8x7cm (31/4x23/4in) Baby keyrings approx 6x5cm (2½x2in)

ABBREVIATIONS

P5tog Purl 5 sts together

For a full list see www.gathered.how



These little loves are easy to knit, all smiles and ready to cheer up your day. You'll have a hard time choosing which of the three animal pairs to knit first, as they are all absolutely adorable. Perhaps you're a die-hard sheep fan, or a Highland cattle fanatic, or maybe you've fallen head over heels for the cute piggies – we certainly have!

MUMMY SHEEP BODY

Cast on 17 sts using Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Purl.

Row 2 (WS) *(K1, P1, K1) in same st, p3tog; rep from * to last st, (K1, P1, K1) in same st. [19 sts]

Row 4 *P3tog, (K1, P1, K1) in same st; rep from * to last 3 sts, p3tog. [17 sts] Rep Rows 1-4, 10 more times.

Cast off.

HEAD

Cast on 18 sts using Yarn B. **Row 1** P5tog, P8, p5tog. [10 sts] Row 2 Knit.

Work 8 rows in st st, beg with a P row. Row 11 Ssp, P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 12 Knit.

Rep Rows 11 and 12 once more. [6 sts] Rep Row 11 once more. [4 sts]

Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure. Insert 4mm safety eyes between sts 3 and 4, and 7 and 8 of Row 6.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn B. Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row. Break off yarn and thread through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure. Sew up side seams using cast-off tail. Stuff rem yarn ends into leg.

TAIL

Cast on 7 sts using Yarn A. Row 1 Knit. Row 2 Purl. Cast off.

KEYRING CORD

Cast on 5 sts using Yarn A. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Using a length of Yarn A sew up one side seam of Body, catching corner sts inside work to round off shape. Sew up the bottom of the Body, catching the Legs evenly spaced within the seam. Stuff Body. Sew up second side seam. Position Head in centre of Body (slightly up from middle) and sew in place using

For the nose use black embroidery

thread to sew a running stitch across bottom of Head, using image as a guide. Bring the needle up through the centre of the running stitch and back down vertically directly under Head to complete the nose.

Using yarn tail sew Tail to centre-back of Body, with purl side up. Using yarn tail sew Keyring Cord to top of Body. Using second yarn tail attach Keyring Cord to pull ring on keyring. Weave in any ends.

LAMB BODY

Cast on 11 sts using Yarn A. Row 1 K1, (P1, K1) to end. Rep Row 1, 25 more times. Cast off.

HEAD

Cast on 12 sts using Yarn B. **Row 1** P4tog, P4, p4tog. [6 sts] Row 2 Knit.

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a P row. Row 7 Ssp, P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 8 Knit.

Rep Row 7 once more. [2 sts] Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure. Insert 3mm safety eyes in sts 2 and 5 of Row 4.

Farm animals Farm animals

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using Yarn B.
Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Cast off.

TAIL

Cast on 5 sts using Yarn A. Row 1 Knit. Row 2 Purl. Cast off.

KEYRING CORD

Cast on 9 sts using Yarn A. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Follow Sheep Mum instructions.

MUMMY COW BODY

Cast on 17 sts using Yarn A.
Work 44 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Cast off.

HEAD

Cast on 10 sts using Yarn B.
Work 10 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Row 11 Ssp, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.
[2 sts dec'd]
Row 12 Knit.

Rep Rows 11 and 12 once more. [6 sts]
Rep Row 11 once more. [4 sts]
Break off yarn and thread yarn through
rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.
Insert 4mm safety eyes between sts 3 and
4, and 7 and 8 of Row 6.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using Yarn B.
Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Break off yarn and thread yarn through
rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.

RIGHT HORN

Cast on 3 sts using Yarn A.
Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Next row Ssk, K1. [2 sts]
Next row Purl.
Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.

LEFT HORN

Cast on 3 sts using Yarn A.
Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Next row K1, k2tog. [2 sts]
Next row Purl.

Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn A.
Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Break off yarn and thread through rem
sts, pulling tightly to secure.

Sew up side seams using cast-off tail. Stuff rem yarn ends into leg.

TAIL

Cast on 7 sts using Yarn A. Row 1 Knit. Row 2 Purl. Cast off.

KEYRING CORD

Cast on 9 sts using Yarn A. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Sew and stuff Body and Legs following Mummy Sheep instructions.

Sew Head to middle of Body, slightly up from the bottom. Using black embroidery thread, sew a few running sts towards bottom of Head to create Nose. Use the image as a guide for placement.

Sew an Ear either side of Head, just down

from the top.
Using Yarn A and a tapestry needle, draw loops of yarn approx 38mm long through the sts below the Ears and above the Head. To do this, come up through a st,

hold onto the length of yarn drawn through, go back down through same st – making sure to keep loop held secure. Once you have made enough loops to cover Head and sides of Head, fasten off yarn. Cut through the centre of each loop and pat down hair.

Using Yarn B and a tapestry needle, embroider two running sts on each Leg, using image as guide.

Follow same instructions for Tail and Keyring Cord as for Mummy Sheep. Weave in any ends.

CALF

Cast on 10 sts using Yarn A.
Work 26 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Cast off.

HEAD

Cast on 6 sts using Yarn B.
Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Row 7 Ssp, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.
[2 sts dec'd]

Row 8 Knit.

Rep Row 7 once more. [2 sts] Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure. Insert 3mm safety eyes in sts 2 and 5 of Row 3.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using Yarn B.
Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Break off yarn and thread yarn through
rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.



The tails are created by casting on 7 sts, knitting 2 rows of st st, then casting off.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using Yarn A.
Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Break off yarn and thread through rem
sts, pulling tightly to secure.
Sew up side seams using cast-off tail.
Stuff rem yarn ends into leg.

TAIL

Cast on 5 sts using Yarn A. Row 1 Knit. Row 2 Purl. Cast off.

KEYRING CORD

Cast on 9 sts using Yarn A. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Sew and stuff Body and Legs following Mummy Sheep instructions. Using Yarn B and a tapestry needle, embroider one running st on each Leg, using image as guide.

Position Head in centre of Body (slightly up from middle) and sew in place using Yarn B.

Using black embroidery thread, sew a few running sts towards bottom of Head to create Nose. Use the image as a guide for placement.

Using Yarn A and a tapestry needle, draw loops of yarn approx 1cm long through the sts above the Head. To do this, come up through a st, hold onto the length of yarn drawn through, go back down through same st – making sure to keep loop held secure. Once you have made enough loops to cover Head and sides of Head, fasten off yarn. Cut through the centre of each loop, and ruffle the strands to fray them a little.

Follow same instructions for Tail and Keyring Cord as for Lamb. Weave in any ends.

MUMMY PIG BODY

Rep instructions for Mummy Cow Body.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 10 sts using Yarn A.
Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Break off yarn and thread through rem
sts, pulling tightly to secure.
Sew up side seams using cast-off tail.
Stuff rem yarn ends into leg.

NOSE

Cast on 10 sts using Yarn A. Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row. Break off yarn and thread through rem sts.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn A.
Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Next row Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.
[2 sts dec'd]
Next row Purl.

Repeat previous 2 rows once more. [4 sts] Break off yarn and thread through rem sts.

TAIL

Cast on 15 sts using Yarn B. Cast off.

Thread yarn tail through sts to curl tail.

KEYRING CORD

Cast on 5 sts using Yarn B. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Fold Body in half and insert 4mm safety eyes in top half of front (the cast-on and cast-off edges will sit at the bottom), using image as a guide.

Sew Nose between eyes sitting just

Sew Nose between eyes, sitting just below them – use image as a guide.
Using black embroidery thread, sew two small running stitches lengthways across nose, using image as a guide.
Using black embroidery thread, sew a

running st approx 1cm long diagonally under left side of Nose, using image as a guide. Pull running stitch down slightly, catching in place with a small st.

Sew and stuff Body and Legs following Mummy Sheep instructions.

Sew Ears either side of top of Body, running slightly down side edges.

Sew Tail to back of Body, in the centre slightly up from the bottom.

Sew the Keyring Cord in place using Yarn B, following instructions given for Mummy

Swiss darn patches as follows around Body, using Yarn B.

SWISS DARNING

Use the diagram and general information on Swiss darning below to help you. With RS facing, using a tapestry needle threaded with Yarn B, bring the needle from the WS of the fabric out towards you at the bottom of the 'V' that the stitch produces. Take the needle down at the top right leg of the 'V' and behind the stitch, coming out at the top right leg of the 'V'. Take the needle back down to where you came up at the bottom of the 'V' to produce one Swiss darned stitch. To work the stitch next to it, come up at the base of the next 'V' to the left and repeat. Work a few of these, making patches of varying amounts of stitches on the Pig and Piglets bodies.

Weave in any ends.

PIGLET BODY

Rep instructions for Calf Body.

LEGS

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn A.
Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Break off yarn and thread through rem



Cast on 9 stitches and then cast them off to create the cord to attach the keyring.



Use yarn in your stash to create a whole farmyard of brilliant animal keyrings!

NOSE

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn A.
Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Break off yarn and thread through rem sts.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using Yarn A.
Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Next row Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.
[2 sts dec'd]

Next row Purl.

Repeat previous 2 rows once more. [2 sts] Break off yarn and thread through rem sts.

TAIL

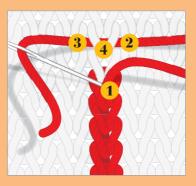
Cast on 10 sts using Yarn B.
Cast off.
Thread yarn tail through sts to curl tail.

KEYRING CORD
Cast on 9 sts using Yarn B.
Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Follow the instructions given for how to make up Mummy Pig.

STEP-BY-STEP SWISS DARNING



Swiss darning or duplicate stitch is a great way to add small details to your knitting, covering the stitch with an embroidery stitch the same shape as the stitch beneath it.

Work from bottom to top, bringing the needle out at the base of the stitch at ①. Take the needle behind the top of the 'V', in at ② and out at ③. Take the needle down at ① and bring it up at ④, at the base of the stitch above. Continue in this way up the line of knitted stitches.