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If you're new to knitting toys, there are lots of **handy tips** and **knitting know-how** throughout, but for all the knitting basics and **step-by-step guides**, turn to page 121.

So, get your needles at the ready and enjoy picking your next project today!

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Top tips, step-by-step how-tos
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KNITTING FOR CHARITY All toys made available for sale in the UK must meet a list of essential safety requirements which are set out in the Toy (Safety) Regulations 2011. To prove that these requirements are met, all toys should carry a CE Mark, which is a declaration by the manufacturer that a toy is safe. In order to use the CE mark on creations you plan to sell (whether you're selling them yourself or sending to a charity to be sold), you must check that your products meet the requirements under the Regulations. If you're using one of our patterns to make items that will appeal to children under the age of 14, please ensure you take all the necessary steps to comply with the legislation. But don't panic, just do your research! For more information, see www.gov.uk/ce-marking, or visit www.shop.conformance.co.uk to find out about self-certification packs.

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EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Hayfield, Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball of each:
- Yarn A** Fox (0779)
- Yarn B** Bright Lemon (0819)
- Yarn C** Black (0965)
- Yarn D** Pumpkin (0766)
- Yarn E** White (0961)
- Yarn F** Bright Orange (0981)
- Yarn G** Dark Grey Mix (790)
- Yarn H** Lemon Grass (0699)
- A pair of 3¼mm needles
- 6 cardboard discs, 8cm diameter (optional, for bases)

□ Toy stuffing
For yarn stockists contact
Sirdar at www.sirdar.com

TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension: 26 sts and 34 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3¼mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Height 18cm (7in)
Base diameter 8cm (3.15in)

ABBREVIATIONS

B&T Break and tighten – break off the yarn and thread the end through the sts left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the sts together.

Kfbf Knit into the front, back and front of the next st (3 sts made from 1)
For a full list of abbreviations see page 130

TOP TIP

These fun zoo animal skittles have wider bottoms, with flat bases to help them stay upright. Insert cardboard discs into the bottom of each before sewing up for extra stability.



MONKEY BODY AND HEAD

Cast on 9 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [17 sts]

Row 2 and every foll alt row Knit to end.

Row 3 *K1, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [25 sts]

Row 5 *K2, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [33 sts]

Row 7 *K3, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [41 sts]

Row 9 *K4, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [49 sts]

Row 11 *K5, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [57 sts]

Row 13 *K6, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [65 sts]

Row 14 Knit to end.

Rows 15 to 26 Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 12 rows.

Row 27 *K6, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [57 sts]

Rows 28 to 32 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 5 rows.



Use the monkey's pattern as a base for knitting the following animal skittles

Rows 34 to 38 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 5 rows.

Row 39 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [41 sts]

Rows 40 to 44 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 5 rows.

Row 45 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [33 sts]

Rows 46 to 50 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 5 rows.

Row 51 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [25 sts]

Row 52 Purl.

Row 53 (Kfbf) 8 times, K9, (kfbf) 8 times. [57 sts]

Rows 54 to 72 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 19 rows.

Row 73 *K5, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [49 sts]

Row 74 and every foll alt row Purl to end.

Row 75 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [41 sts]

Row 77 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [33 sts]

Row 79 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [25 sts]

Row 81 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [17 sts]

Row 83 *K2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [9 sts]

B&T.

SNOUT

Cast on 31 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 *K2, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [41 sts]

Rows 2 to 6 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 5 rows.

Row 7 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [33 sts]

Row 8 and every foll alt row Purl to end.

Row 9 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [25 sts]

Row 11 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [17 sts]

Row 13 *K2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [9 sts]

B&T.

NOSE

Cast on 9 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

B&T.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 *Kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [13 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Row 5 *K1, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [19 sts]

Row 6 Purl to end.

Break off Yarn A and join in Yarn B.

Rows 7 to 10 Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 4 rows.

Row 11 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [13 sts]

Row 12 Purl to end.

Row 13 *K2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [7 sts]

B&T.

MAKING UP

Note When embroidering features such as the eyes and mouths, check their placement by using pins to mark where they will be. Only embroider the features when you are pleased with the pins' placement.

- 1 Sew a row of running stitches across the cast-on stitches of the main body and draw the yarn up to close the stitches into a circle.
- 2 Join the seam, leaving a gap that is large enough to allow the cardboard base to be inserted. Turn work to the right side and place the cardboard inside to form a base. Stuff, then close the gap.
- 3 Join the seam of the snout and stuff, leaving the cast-on edge open.
- 4 Sew the cast-on edge of the snout onto the front of the face. Join the seam of the nose, and then sew it onto the front of the snout.
- 5 Using a length of Yarn C, embroider a pair of eyes just above the snout, and a long mouth shape on the bottom half of the snout.
- 6 Sew a row of stitches across the cast-on stitches of the ears and draw the yarn up to close the stitches into a circle.
- 7 Fold the ears in half and sew the fronts and backs together across the side seams.
- 8 Sew the ears onto the sides of the head, placing the top of the ears level with the eyes.

LION

Make main body and head exactly as for the Monkey, except using Yarn D throughout. Make snout exactly as for the Monkey, except using Yarn E. Make nose exactly as for the Monkey, using Yarn A.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn D.

Rows 1 to 10 Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 10 rows. **Cast off.**



Knit the lion's mane as a strip of garter stitch and then sew it in place around the head

MANE

Cast on 5 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A. Work in g st until work measures 30cm.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

- 1 Make up main body and head, snout and nose as for the Monkey.
- 2 Using a length of Yarn C, embroider eyes just above the snout, and a mouth below the nose on the snout. The Lion's mouth consists of a short, straight line sewn vertically from just below the nose, with a semi-circular smile lying horizontally at the end of the short line.
- 3 Fold the ears in half and sew the side seams. Sew the cast-on and cast-off edges to the top of the head, with the top-edge of the ears level with the first decrease row of the head. Bend the ears outwards at the centre for a curved look.
- 4 Join the cast-on and cast-off edges of the mane together to form a large loop.
- 5 Place the loop around the face/chin/ears and sew in place.

TIGER

Make the main body and head exactly as for the Monkey, except working in stripes of two rows Yarn C, then two rows Yarn F throughout. Make the snout exactly as for the Monkey, except using Yarn E.

Make the nose exactly as for the Monkey, using Yarn A. Make the ears exactly as for the Lion, except working in stripes of two rows Yarn C, then two rows Yarn F.

MAKING UP

Make up exactly as for the Lion, except using a length of Yarn H for the eyes, rather than Yarn C.



Follow the instructions for the monkey when knitting the tiger, using Yarn C and F



Knit the zebra's pointy ears in a two-row stripe pattern of Yarn E and Yarn C

ZEBRA

Make the main body and head exactly as for the Monkey, except working in stripes of two rows Yarn E, then two rows Yarn C throughout.

SNOUT

Cast on 31 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 *K2, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [41 sts]

Rows 2 to 8 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 7 rows.

Row 9 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [33 sts]

Row 10 and every foll alt row Purl to end.

Row 11 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [25 sts]

Row 13 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [17 sts]

Row 15 *K2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [9 sts]

B&T.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn E.

Rows 1 and 2 Beg with a knit row (RS), work in st st for 2 rows.

Join in Yarn C and commence stripe pattern as set for body.

Row 3 (In Yarn C) K2togtbl, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 4 Purl to end.

Row 5 (In Yarn E) K2togtbl, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [4 sts]

Row 6 Purl to end.

Row 7 (In Yarn C) K2togtbl, k2tog. [2 sts]

Row 8 Purl to end.

Row 9 K2tog. [1 st]

B&T.

MAKING UP

1 Make up main body and head and snout as for the Monkey.

2 Using a length of Yarn C, embroider 2 nostrils and a small, upwards-facing V-shaped mouth.

3 Using Yarn H, embroider two eyes just above the snout.

4 Fold the ears in half lengthwise, making two thin triangle shapes. Sew to the top of the head.



Cast on this cutie croc in Yarn H (Lemon Grass) for that classic green look

CROCODILE

Make main body and head as for the Monkey, except working in Yarn H throughout.

NOSE

Cast on 9 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 *Kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [17 sts]

Row 2 and every foll alt row Purl to end.

Row 3 *K1, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [25 sts]

Row 5 *K2, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [33 sts]

Row 7 *K3, kfb; rep from * to last, K1.

[41 sts]

Rows 8 to 16 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 9 rows.

Rows 17 and 18 Cast off 5 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. [31 sts]

Rows 19 to 24 Cast off 3 sts at the beginning of the next 6 rows. [13 sts]

Cast off the remaining 13 sts.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 16 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn H.

Rows 1 to 4 Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 4 rows.

Row 5 *K2tog; rep from * to the end of the row. [8 sts]

B&T.

MAKING UP

1 Make up the main body and head exactly as for the Monkey.

2 Make up the nose as for the Monkey's snout.

3 Join the side seams of the eyes. Fold so that the seam is at the centre-back. Sew the eyes to the top of the head.

4 Using a length of Yarn C, embroider 2 eyeballs by sewing 3 to 4 vertical stitches at the centre-front of each eye, 2 nostrils on the front/top of the nose, and a wide mouth (by embroidering a line from one side of the nose to the other, across the middle of the nose).

ELEPHANT

Make the main body and head exactly as for the Monkey, except working in Yarn G throughout.

TRUNK

Cast on 9 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn G.

Rows 1 and 2 Knit to end.

Row 3 (RS) *K1, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [13 sts]

Rows 4 to 8 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 5 rows.

Row 9 *K2, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [17 sts]

Rows 10 to 14 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 5 rows.

Row 15 *K3, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [21 sts]

Row 16 to 20 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 5 rows.

Row 21 *K4, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [25 sts]

Rows 22 to 26 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 5 rows.

Rows 27 and 28 **Cast off** 3 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

[19 sts]

Row 29 *K2togtbl, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 30 Purl to end.

Rep Rows 29 and 30 until 5 sts remain.

Cast off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [13 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Row 5 *K1, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [19 sts]

Rows 6 to 9 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 4 rows.

Cast off purlwise.

MAKING UP

1 Make up the main body and head as for the Monkey, except for the eyes.

2 Sew a row of stitches across the cast-on stitches of the trunk and draw the yarn up to close the stitches into a circle.

3 Sew seam, leaving cast-off edge open. Turn to right side and stuff.



This skittle might be a little too heavy to knock down (just kidding!)

4 Sew the cast-on edge to the front of the head. Then sew the cast-on edge of the ears to the side of the head.

5 Using a length of Yarn C, embroider a pair of eyes either side of the trunk.

BALL

Cast on 7 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [13 sts]

Row 2 and every foll alt row Purl to end.

Row 3 *K1, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [19 sts]

Row 5 *K2, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [25 sts]

Row 6 Purl to end.

Break off Yarn H and join in Yarn D.

Row 7 *K3, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [31 sts]

Row 9 *K4, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [37 sts]

Row 11 *K5, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [43 sts]

Row 12 Purl to end.

Break off Yarn D and join in Yarn B.

Row 13 *K6, kfb; rep from * to the last st, K1. [49 sts]

Rows 14 to 18 Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 5 rows.

Break off Yarn B and join in Yarn F.

Rows 19 to 22 Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 4 rows.

Row 23 *K6, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [43 sts]

Row 24 Purl to end.

Break off Yarn F and join in Yarn A.

Row 25 *K5, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [37 sts]

Row 27 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [31 sts]

Row 29 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [25 sts]

Break off Yarn A and join in Yarn E.

Row 31 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [19 sts]

Row 33 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [13 sts]

Row 35 *K2tog; rep from * to the last st, K1. [7 sts]

Row 36 Purl to end.

B&T.

MAKING UP

1 With WS facing, sew a row of stitches across the cast-on stitches and draw the yarn up to close the stitches into a circle.

2 Join the seam, leaving a gap for turning and stuffing.

Turn right-side out and stuff firmly. Close the gap. 🧶



You can't have a game of skittles without the ball! Knit this one in stripes of white, red, orange, yellow and gold



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YOU WILL NEED

- Bergère de France, Ourson DK (80% polyamide, 20% polyester, 50g/75m)
- 2 balls of **Yarn A** Poussiere (10911)
- 1 ball of **Yarn B** Blanc (10470)
- Oddment (5g) of any DK yarn **Yarn C** in Pink
- Oddment (5g) of any DK yarn **Yarn D** in Black
- 50cm of any DK yarn **Yarn E** in White
- A pair of 3.25mm needles

- A row counter
 - 300g toy stuffing
- To order yarn go to www.bergeredefrance.co.uk

TENSION

21 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3¼mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Length: 59cm
Tummy circumference (at widest point): 50cm

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list of abbreviations see page 130

TOP TIP

Bertie is made using fluffy yarn and it's important to give yourself time to get used to the texture of the yarn. Try knitting a swatch or two at first, to practise. Knit until you feel comfortable with the yarn and then simply unravel your swatch to reuse the yarn. Use a stitch counter to track your work as you go, as it can be hard to go back and count stitches in fluffy yarn afterwards. If you are having difficulty seeing the stitches, hold the work up to a bright window or lamp.

BUNNY TOY
MAIN BODY

Cast on 10 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end.

[20 sts]

Row 2 & every alt row Purl.

Row 3 *K1, kfb; rep from * to end.

[30 sts]

Row 5 *K2, kfb; rep from * to end.

[40 sts]

Row 7 *K3, kfb; rep from * to end.

[50 sts]

Row 9 *K4, kfb; rep from * to end.

[60 sts]

Row 11 *K5, kfb; rep from * to end.

[70 sts]

Row 13 *K6, kfb; rep from * to end.

[80 sts]

Work in st st for 9 rows, beg with a P row.

For the two-colour section that follows, use three separate balls of yarn. Where the colours change, cross the non-working yarn over the working yarn to prevent a hole forming.

Row 23 K30A, K20B, K30A.

Row 24 P29A, P22B, P29A.

Row 25 K28A, K24B, K28A.

Row 26 P27A, P26B, P27A.

Row 27 K27A, K26B, K27A.

Row 28 P27A, P26B, P27A.

The last 2 rows set the points at which the colours cross for the remainder of the two-colour portion. Continue to change the colours at these points from this point forward.

Please note that the shapings which follow alternate between having the dec st at the beg or end of the row. This is deliberate, as it keeps the tummy portion central.

Row 29 *K6, k2tog; rep from * to end. [70 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

Row 37 *K2tog, K5; rep from * to end. [60 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

Row 45 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end. [50 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

Row 53 *K2tog, K3; rep from * to end. [40 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

Row 61 K1, *k2tog, K2; rep from * to the last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [30 sts]

Row 62 Purl.

Row 63 K11, k2tog, K4, k2tog, K11.

[28 sts]

Row 64 Purl.

Row 65 K11, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K11.

[26 sts]

Row 66 Purl.

Row 67 K11, (k2tog) twice, K11. [24 sts]

Row 68 Purl across the row in Yarn A. Break off Yarn B & the extra ball of Yarn A.

Beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st st.

Row 71 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [48 sts]

Row 72 Purl.

Row 73 K18, (kfb) 12 times, K18. [60 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st st.

Row 79 K24, k2togtbl, K8, k2tog, K24. [58 sts]

Row 80 & every alt row Purl.

Row 81 K24, k2togtbl, K6, k2tog, K24. [56 sts]

Row 83 K24, k2togtbl, K4, k2tog, K24. [54 sts]

Row 85 K24, k2togtbl, K2, k2tog, K24. [52 sts]

Row 87 K23, k2tog, K2, k2togtbl, K23. [50 sts]

Row 89 K22, k2tog, M1, K2, M1, k2togtbl, K22.

Row 91 K21, k2tog, K4, k2togtbl, K21. [48 sts]

Row 93 K20, k2tog, M1, K4, M1, k2togtbl, K20.

Row 95 K19, k2tog, K6, k2togtbl, K19. [46 sts]

Row 97 K18, k2tog, M1, K6, M1, k2togtbl, K18.

Row 99 K17, k2tog, K8, k2togtbl, K17. [44 sts]

Row 101 K16, K2tog, M1, K8, M1, k2togtbl, K16.

Row 103 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. [33 sts]

Row 105 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [22 sts]

Row 107 *K2tog; rep from * to end.

[11 sts]

Break off the yarn and thread the ends through the sts left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the sts together.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.



The bunny's mouth is created with simple back st using matching yarn



Knit the bunny's soft ears in one piece, changing colour midway through

Row 2 Kfb, knit to the last st, kfb. [8 sts]
Repeat Rows 1 & 2 until 16 sts are on the needle. Mark the ends of this row.

Beg with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

Row 18 Kfb, knit to the last st, kfb. [18 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 9 rows in st st.

Row 28 Kfb, knit to the last st, kfb. [20 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 11 rows in st st.

Join in Yarn B (winding off a small ball of yarn from the main ball before you start for later).

Row 40 Kfb, K3B, K12A, K3B, kfb in Yarn B. [22 sts]

Row 41 P5B, P12A, P5B.

Row 42 K5B, K12A, K5B.

Repeat Rows 41 & 42, 3 times, then Row 41 once.

Break off Yarn B.

Row 50 Knit.

Row 51 Purl.

Row 52 (K2tog) to end. [11sts]

Break off the yarn and thread the ends through the sts left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the sts together.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 24 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Beg with a K row, work 10 rows in st st.

Row 11 Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. [26 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 11 rows in st st.

Row 23 Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. [28 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 13 rows in st st.

Row 37 Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. [30 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 15 rows in st st.

Row 53 Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. [32 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 17 rows in st st.

Row 71 Kfb, K10, (kfb) 10 times, K10, kfb. [44 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 75 K17, (kfb) 10 times, K17. [54 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 79 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end. [45 sts]

Break off Yarn A. Join in Yarn B.

Row 80 & every alt row Purl.

Row 81 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end. [36 sts]

Row 83 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. [27 sts]

Row 85 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [18 sts]

Row 87 *K2tog; rep from * to end.

[9 sts]

Row 88 Purl.

Break off the yarn and thread the ends through the sts left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the sts together.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Beg with a K row, work 4 rows in st st.

Row 5 Kfb, K5, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 9 Kfb, K7, kfb, K1. [12 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 13 Kfb, K9, kfb, K1. [14 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 17 Kfb, K11, kfb, K1. [16 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 15 rows in st st.

Row 33 K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [14 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 37 K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [12 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 41 K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [10 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 45 K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 49 (K2tog) to the end of the row. [4 sts]

Row 50 Purl.

Change to Yarn B.

Beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st st.

Row 53 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end.

[6 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 57 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 61 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 65 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [12 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 69 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [14 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 13 rows in st st.

Row 83 K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [12 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 87 K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [10 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 91 K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 95 K2togtbl, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 96 Purl.

Cast off purlwise.

TAIL

Cast on 20 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 & every alt row Knit.

Row 2 *K3, kfb; rep from * to end.

[25 sts]

Row 4 *K4, kfb; rep from * to end.

[30 sts]

Row 6 *K5, kfb; rep from * to end.

[35 sts]

Row 8 *K6, kfb; rep from * to end.

[40 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Row 12 *K6, k2tog; rep from * to end. [35 sts]

Row 13 & every alt row Knit.

Row 14 *K5, k2tog; rep from * to end. [30 sts]

Row 16 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end. [25 sts]

Row 18 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end. [20 sts]

Row 20 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. [15 sts]

Row 22 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [10 sts]

Break off the yarn and thread the ends through the sts left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the sts together.

NOSE

Cast on 9 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C.

Knit 3 rows.

Row 4 K1, k2togtbl, K3, k2tog, K1.

[7 sts]

Row 5 & every alt row Knit.

Row 6 K1, k2togtbl, K1, k2tog, K1.

[5 sts]

Row 8 K1, sl1, k2tog, pss0, K1. [3 sts]

Row 10 Sl1, k2tog, pss0.

Fasten off.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 10 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn D.

Break off the yarn and thread the ends through the sts left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the sts together.

TO MAKE UP

Weave in all ends.

Body & head Sew a running st around the cast on sts of the body and pull this up to form a tight circle. Sew the back seam of the head and body, leaving a gap for turning and stuffing. Turn to the right side and stuff. Close the gap. Sew a running st around the row below the increase row of the head and pull up slightly to mark the neck.


Arms Join the seam from the fastened off sts to the marked row, leaving the shaped portion at the top of the arms free. Stuff. Sew the arms to each side of the body, about 2cm down from the neck shaping.

Legs Join the main seam, leaving the cast on edge open. Stuff. Sew the cast on edge to the base of the rabbit's body, about 5cm apart; making sure that the back seam of the leg is facing the back of the rabbit.

Ears Fold the ears in half and sew the inner (Yarn B) portion to the outer (Yarn A) portion along the long shaped seam on both sides, having the cast on and cast off edges level, and easing the outer ear to fit. (Leaving the cast on/cast off edges open.) Turn to the right side and sew the ears to the top of the head, about 6cm apart, with the outer (Yarn A) side facing upwards.

Nose Sew the nose to the centre front of the head, at the widest point, with the cast on edge of the nose at the top and the cast off sts to the bottom. Using back st, embroider a 1cm line directly downwards from the lowest point of the nose, then embroider a shallow V shape at the bottom of this line, with a curved section on either side of the V shape to form the mouth.

Eyes Join the sts into a flat circle shape. Sew the eyes on either side of the face 3cm up from the nose, and on either side of the central shaping. Using Yarn E, embroider a short st to the top of the eye to form a 'glint'.

Note To ensure every part is fastened securely, sew in yarn twice then oversew using a matching sewing thread. Check the toy often to ensure no parts have become loose. 

STEP-BY-STEP KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK



1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.



2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left-hand one and insert the tip of the needle through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.



3 Wrap the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.



4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.

LITTLE CHICK

With his large squashy body in soft baby yarn, this little chick is perfect for snuggling up to. By **Angela Turner**

KNITS UP
QUICKLY IN
STOCKING
STITCH





EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Deramores, Studio Baby Luxe DK (100% acrylic, 250m/100g)
1 ball in each:
- Yarn A** Primrose (70425)
- Yarn B** Coral (70431)
- Yarn C** Sapphire (70413)
- Yarn D** Glacier (70410)
- Yarn E** Duck Egg Blue (70436)
- A pair of 3mm needles
- Tapestry needle

- Polyester toy filling
- 2 stitch holders
- Length of white thread

To order yarn contact LoveCrafts on 01409 404010 or www.lovecrafts.com

TENSION

24 sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Approx. 18cm (7in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

CHICK TOY

WAISTCOAT BASE – RIGHT FRONT

Using Yarn D, **cast on** 22 sts with 3mm needles.

Row 1 Inc in first st, knit to end. [23 sts]

Next row Knit to last st, inc. [24 sts]

Next row Inc in first st, knit to end. [25 sts]

Next row Purl to last 2 sts, K1, inc knitways in last st. [26 sts]

Rep last 2 rows until 30 sts. Put on a stitch holder for now.

WAISTCOAT BASE – LEFT FRONT

Using Yarn D, **cast on** 22 sts.

Row 1 Knit to last st, inc. [23 sts]

Next row Inc in first st, knit to end. [24 sts]

Next row Knit to last st, inc. [25 sts]

Next row Inc in first st, K1, purl to end. [26 sts]

Rep last 2 rows until 30 sts. Put on a st holder for now.

BODY AND HEAD

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 12 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Next row (Inc in every st) to end. [24 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (Inc, K1) to end. [36 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (Inc, K2) to end. [48 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Next row (Inc, K3) to end. [60 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st-st 19 rows. Cont in Yarn D.

Place left front (then right front) waistcoat base in front of body and knit into both sts at the same time:

Next row (K4, k2tog) to end. [50 sts]

Next row P24, K2, purl to end.

Next row Knit. Rep last 2 rows again.

Next row P24, K2, purl to end.

Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. [40 sts]

Next row P19, K2, purl to end.

Next row Knit.

Next row P19, K2, purl to end.

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [30 sts]

Next row P14, K2, purl to end.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts. Change to Yarn A.

Next row Purl.

Next row (Inc in every st) to end. [40 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (Inc, k3) to end. [50 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st-st 19 rows.

Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. [40 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [30 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [20 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2tog) to end. [10 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through. Pull up sts and secure. Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam, leaving a 3cm gap in head. Turn RS out and stuff. Run a length of Yarn A around neck shaping and pull up tightly. Tie in ends securely.

BEAK

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 10 sts.

Row 1 K3, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K3. [8 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K2. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K1, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K1. [4 sts]

Next row P2tog twice. [2 sts]

Next row Inc in each st. [4 sts]

Next (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. 6 sts. **Cast off.**

Sew side seams of beak tog and turn RS out. Add some filling. Pin beak to centre of face, with shaped side uppermost, about 5 rows up from last inc row of head. Sew securely. For eyes, use Yarn C to **cast on** 2 sts then **cast off** again. Pin in position either side of beak, with about 8 rows between them. Sew to face, threading yarn tails through to back of head. Pull tightly and knot tog. Cut ends and tuck inside head. Add more filling then sew up gap. Work a couple of tiny white sts at top right of each eye with a strand of white thread to finish.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 7 sts.

Row 1 Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [9 sts]

Next (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [11 sts]

Next row Knit.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [9 sts]

Next row Knit.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [7 sts]

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [5 sts]

Next row K2tog, sl1, k2tog, pssso. [2 sts]

Next row P2tog. Cut yarn and thread through.

Place cast-on edges to sides of body, facing front. Turn so that the point is almost touching the g-st border of waistcoat. Sew in place securely, adding a little filling.

COLLAR

Using Yarn E, **cast on** 32 sts.

Row 1 Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [34 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. 32 sts. **Cast off.**

Sew collar round neck securely. Work 3 small straight sts down centre of waistcoat for buttons with Yarn C.

FEET (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 6 sts.

Row 1 Knit to last 3 sts, turn.

Next row Knit to last st, inc. [7 sts]

Next row Knit to last 2 sts, turn.

Next row Knit.

Next row K2tog, knit to end. [6 sts]

Next row Knit. Cast off.

Place feet on base of body and sew in place to finish. 🧵

PIGGY PAL

And this little piggy went rattle rattle rattle,
all the way home...By **Angela Turner**

USE A
BANGLE
INSIDE THE
HANDLE!





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Deramores, Studio Baby Soft DK (100% acrylic, 330m/100g)
1 ball in each:
Yarn A Bubblegum (70108)
Yarn B Marshmallow (70105)
Yarn C Sapphire (70126)
- A pair of 3mm needles
- Tapestry needle
- Plastic bangle, 8cm diameter (optional)
- Safety rattle (optional)
- Polyester toy filling
- 2 stitch holders

□ Length of white thread
To order yarn contact Deramores on 0845 519 4573 or www.deramores.com

TENSION

24 sts and 34 rows to 10cm over st st, using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Approx. 18cm tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list of abbreviations see page 130

TOP TIP

Grabbing and holding onto toys is an important part of every baby's development, so help them on their way with this cute pig rattle. The sturdy handle offers lots of lovely garter stitch texture and is easy for those little hands to hold. The soft ears, arms and snout offer extra sensory fun, too. You don't need a lot of yarn for this sweet knit, so why not raid your stash for leftovers – in similar shades, or in your own choice of colours, for a different look. It won't break the piggy bank, either!



"I love this friendly little pig, it's perfect for hours of playtime fun. Add a safety rattle or squeaker into the head and watch baby's delight at the noisy entertainment!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



PIG RATTLE RING

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 10 sts.
Work 86 rows garter st. **Cast off.**
Fold in half longways (around plastic bangle if using), and sew along length of ring, pulling yarn up tightly as you go to create a circular shape. If not using a bangle, add filling as you work around ring. Sew cast-on sts to cast-off sts, adding more filling if necessary.

SHOULDER COVER

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 12 sts.
Work 26 rows g-st. **Cast off.**
Fold cover over cast-on/cast-off area of ring and sew seams tog.

HEAD

Using Yarn B, begin at base and **cast on** 8 sts.
Row 1 (and every alt row) Purl.
Next row Inc in every st. [16 sts]
Next row Inc in every st. [32 sts]
Next row (K3, inc in next st) to end. [40 sts]
Starting with a purl row, st-st 13 rows.
Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. [32 sts]
Next (and every alt) row Purl.
Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [24 sts]
Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [16 sts]
Next row (K2tog) to end. [8 sts]
Cut yarn and thread through sts.
Pull up tightly and secure. Sew seam, leaving a gap (big enough to take rattle). Turn right-side out and stuff firmly, inserting rattle about half way up. Leave gap open for yarn tails from eyes.

SNOUT

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 4 sts.
Row 1 Inc in every st. [8 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row Inc in every st. [16 sts]
Next row Knit.
Next row Knit.
Next row Purl.
Cast off. Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam to cast-off. Turn right-side out and add filling. Pin to front of face, starting about last inc row. Sew in place, adding a little filling if necessary. Use a length of Yarn A to work two small straight sts in centre of snout for nostrils. Make eyes using Yarn C by casting on 2 sts, k2tog, then cutting yarn and pulling through. Pin eyes in position either side of snout with bottom of eye in line with top of snout, with about 6 sts between them. Sew eyes, pulling ends through to back of head. Tie tail ends tog then trim ends and place inside head. Add a little filling then sew gap. Work a tiny white straight st at top right of each eye to finish.

EAR (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 5 sts.
Work 5 rows g-st.
Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [3 sts]
Next row Knit.
Next row Sl1, k2tog, pass slipped st over.
Cut yarn and thread through.
Pin ears to top of head with about 4cm between them. Sew securely and tie in all loose ends. Sew head to centre of shoulder cover firmly.

ARM (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 7 sts.
Row 1 Purl.
Next row Inc in every st. [14 sts]
Next row Purl.
Change to Yarn B. St st 6 rows.
Cast off. Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam then turn right-side out, and with seam to centre back, stuff lightly. Sew cast-off edges tog. Place arms to ring either side of shoulder cover and sew securely. Tie in loose ends securely, to finish. 🧶

PLAYTIME BLOCKS

Keep baby entertained with these colourful knitted squares by **Angela Turner**, featuring numbers, letters and motifs

EASY TO MAKE
WITH SWISS
DARNED
DETAILS





EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
1 ball in each:
- Yarn A** Aspen (1422)
- Yarn B** Citron (1263)
- Yarn C** Jaffa (1256)
- Yarn D** White (1001)
- Yarn E** Bright Green (1259)

- A pair of 3mm needles
- Polyester toy filling
- 5 pieces of card or laminated paper, 12cm square

For yarn stockists contact
Stylecraft on 01484 848 435
www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in)
over st st, using 3mm needles

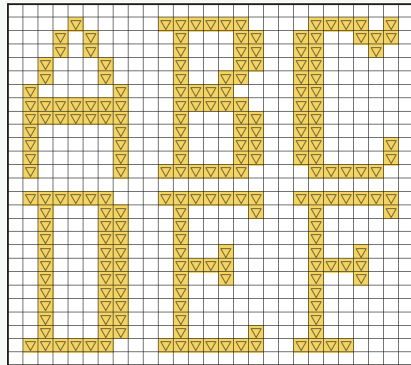
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Each block is about 12cm square

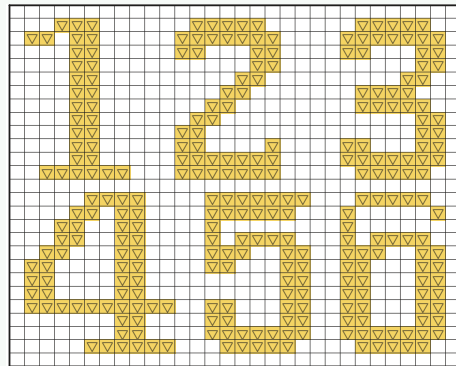
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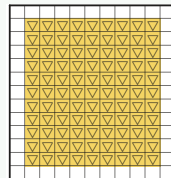
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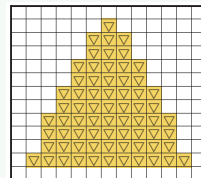
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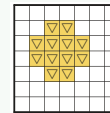
SHAPED SQUARE CHART



SHAPED TRIANGLE CHART



POLKA DOT SQUARE CHART



KEY

□ = Swiss darn in colour listed in pattern



This is a fabulous stashbuster project and you can have fun using up leftovers and choosing any colour combination you like

BLOCKS THIN-STRIPED SQUARE (MAKE 3)

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 30 sts.

- Row 1** Knit.
- Row 2** Purl.
- Change to Yarn A.
- Row 3** Knit.
- Row 4** Purl.

Repeat last four rows until 11 Yarn B stripes have been worked.
Cast off using Yarn B.

THICK-STRIPED SQUARE (MAKE 3)

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 30 sts.

- Work four rows st st.
- Change to Yarn E and st st four rows.
- Change to Yarn C and st st four rows.
- Repeat sequence of stripes until 42 rows have been worked.
- Cast off.**

MIXED-STRIPED SQUARE (MAKE 3)

Using Yarn D, **cast on** 30 sts.

- St st two rows.
- Change to Yarn A and st st four rows.



Swiss darning is a great way to add small details to your knitting, covering the knitted stitch with an embroidery stitch the same shape



Babies will love playing with these soft and squidgy blocks. There's nothing better as a present than a range of fun toys that'll help their development and look great

Change to Yarn B and st st two rows. Repeat stripe pattern until 42 rows have been worked.

Cast off.

NUMBERED SQUARE (MAKE 6)

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 30 sts.

Work 42 rows st st.

Cast off.

Use Yarn A to Swiss darn the number 1 from the chart in the centre of the square.

Work another five squares in different colours and swiss-darn the numbers 2-6 on them (where a number does not fit centrally in a square, allow one extra stitch on the left-hand side).

LETTERED SQUARE (MAKE 6)

Using Yarn C, **cast on** 30 sts.

Work 42 rows st st. **Cast off.**

Use Yarn D to Swiss darn the letter A from the chart in the centre of the square. Make more squares in different colours and Swiss darn the letters B-F on them (where a letter does not fit centrally in a square, allow one extra stitch at left-hand side).

SHAPED SQUARE (MAKE 6)

Using Yarn D, **cast on** 30 sts.

Work 42 rows st st.

Cast off.

Use Yarn C to Swiss darn a square from the chart in the centre of the square. Make more squares in different colours and Swiss darn the other shapes to them (where a shape does not fit centrally in a square, allow one extra stitch at left-hand side).

POLKA DOT SQUARE (MAKE 3)

Using Yarn D, **cast on** 30 sts.

Work 42 rows st st.

Cast off.

Use Yarn E and Yarn B to Swiss darn the polka dots from the chart. Make more squares in different colours and Swiss darn polka dots to them.

DICE DOT SQUARE (MAKE 6)

Using Yarn C, **cast on** 30 sts.

Work 42 rows st st.

Cast off.

Use Yarn A to Swiss darn the polka dot from the chart. Make more squares in different colours and Swiss darn the two – six dice dot patterns to them.

MAKING UP

Choose six squares and lay them out with four in a row and one above and one below – check that you have a good mixture of colours and that there is one number square, letter square, dice square and shape square.

Sew the four in a row first. Sew the bottom square around three edges and just one edge of the top square for now.

Cut five pieces of card or laminated paper, each 12cm square. Turn cube right way round and place one piece of card in the base. Take a length of coloured yarn and loosely stitch the two seams together using straight stitches (you will need to remove this at the end).

Place the other four pieces of card around the four sides and hold in place until the centre of the cube is filled with polyester stuffing. Next, go to each corner in turn, ensure the card is placed in such a way as to give a sharp edge then add more pieces of filling, a little at a time.

When all corners are complete, carefully remove pieces of card. Sew top square around the remaining three edges, adding a little more filling if necessary. Gently remove the length of yarn from the base and take out the final piece of card. Sew seam together, again adding a little more filling where necessary. Do not overstuff the cube.

Repeat this process with all the other squares until six cubes have been made. Ensure all of your loose ends are tied in nice and securely to finish. 🧶

PICK YOUR OWN SHADES FROM YOUR STASH



PREHISTORIC FRIENDS

Brighten up any playroom with these super-friendly knitted dinosaur toys. By **Angela Turner**





EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

□ Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)

1 ball in each:

Yarn A White (1001)

Stegosaurus

Yarn B Sherbet (1034)

Yarn C Cloud Blue (1019)

Yarn D Turquoise (1068)

Corythosaurus

Yarn E Spring Green (1316)

Yarn F Meadow (1065)

Yarn G Green (1116)

Triceratops

Yarn H Clematis (1390)

Yarn I Raspberry (1023)

Yarn J Fondant (1241)

□ A pair of 3mm needles

□ Polyester toy filling

□ 3 x 9.5cm diameter circles of card

□ 6 black buttons for eyes

For yarn stockists contact
Stylecraft on 01484 848 435
or www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows to measure 10cm square in st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Each dinosaur measures about 22cm tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

From the Stegosaurus with his ridged spine to the horned and armour plated skull of the Triceratops and the helmeted lizard that was the Corythosarus, the dinosaurs could be fearsome beasts – even these three herbivores! You won't see a snarl from these cute characters though. Instead they are just perfect for little ones to cuddle! They make great presents and for extra sensory fun, why not pop a squeaker inside!



The dinosaurs' smiles give lots of character to these toys and are added using daisy stitches



"These fun dinosaur toys aren't too tricky to make, with just increasing and decreasing to master. I've made a few for friends' babies and they've always been very well received."

ANGELA TURNER, DESIGNER

STEGOSAURUS BODY

Begin at base using Yarn A and **cast on** 12 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Inc in every st. [24 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K1, inc in next st) to end. [36 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (K2, inc in next st) to end. [48 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 (K3, inc in next st) to end. [60 sts]

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10 Knit.

Row 11 Purl.

Row 12 (K4, inc in next st) to end. [72 sts]

Row 13 Purl.

Row 14 Purl.

Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st st.

Change to Yarn B and st st 2 rows.

Next row (K5, inc in next st) to end. [84 sts]

Next row Purl.

Change to Yarn A and st st 4 rows.

Change to Yarn B and st st 4 rows.

Keeping stripe patt, work 24 more rows.

Change to Yarn A.

Next row (K5, k2tog) to end. [72 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 13 rows st st.

Next row (K4, k2tog) to end. [60 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 9 rows st st.

Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. [48 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 5 rows st st.

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [36 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st st.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [24 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Next row (P2tog) to end. [6 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through.

Pull up tightly and sew seam for about 7cm. Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam to last Yarn B stripe. Turn right side out and insert the 9.5cm diameter circle of card then stuff with filling, a little at a time. Sew up gap.

NOSE

Using Yarn D, **cast on** 6 sts and purl one row.

Next row Inc in every st. [12 sts]

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows again. [24 sts]

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [36 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2, inc in next st) to end. [48 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam to cast off edge. Gather round cast off sts and pull up gently. Add filling. Place on face so that bottom of nose touches bottom of last Sherbet stripe on body. Sew to face shaping slightly as you go to make an oval shape. Add more filling as needed. Using Yarn A, work a curved line of daisy sts starting half way down nose.

LEGS AND ARMS (MAKE 4)

Using Yarn C, **cast on** 10 sts and st st 8 rows.

Next row K2tog, K last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [4 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, K to last st, inc. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, K to last st, inc. [8 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [10 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 7 rows.

Cast off.

Fold paws in half and sew around edge leaving a gap. Turn right side out and stuff with filling lightly. Sew rem seam. Pin arms in place either side of body, aligned with the top Yarn B stripe. Sew in place securely. Pin feet to garter st row of base, with about 5cm between them.

TAIL

Using Yarn B, cast on 20 sts. St st 14 rows.

Next row K2tog, K7, inc in next 2 sts, K7, k2tog.

Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Next row K2tog, K7, inc in next 2 sts, K7, k2tog.

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [18 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K6, inc in next 2 sts, K6, k2tog.

Next row P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [16 sts]

Next row K2tog, K5, inc in next 2 sts, K5, k2tog.

Next row P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [14 sts]

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [12 sts]

Next row P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [10 sts]

Rep last 2 rows again. [6 sts]

Next row K2tog to end. [3 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through.

Fold in half and sew seam. Turn right side out and stuff gently with filling. Place at rear of dinosaur starting at the garter stitch row and sew to dinosaur securely.

MEDIUM SHIELDS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, **cast on** 10 sts and st st 6 rows.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [4 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [8 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [10 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 5 rows.

Cast off.

SMALL SHIELDS (MAKE 4)

Using Yarn D, **cast on** 6 sts and st st 4 rows.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.

[4 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog twice. [2 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in each st. [4 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in each st. [6 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Cast off.

LARGE SHIELDS (MAKE 3)

Using Yarn D, cast on 12 sts and st st 8 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [10 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [4 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, K to last st, inc. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, K to last st, inc. [8 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, K to last st, inc.

[10 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc.

[12 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 7 rows.

Cast off.

Fold all shields in half and sew seam.

Turn right side out and sew across cast on and cast off sts.

Place at centre of head, starting about 8 rows down from top of head at front, working upwards in the following order, with shields facing each other but overlapping slightly:

4 small shields, 2 medium shields then 3 large shields.

Ensure all loose ends are tied in securely, to finish.



TRICERATOPS

Using Yarn A and Yarn J, work body and tail as for Stegosaurus. Use Yarn H to make the arms and legs and Yarn I to make the nose. Sew together as for Stegosaurus.

NECK PLATE

Using 2 strands of Yarn I, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1 Inc in first st, knit to last 2 sts, turn. [7 sts]

Next row Knit.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to end. [8 sts]

Next row Knit.

Next row Cast off 2 sts, knit to end. [6 sts]

Next row Knit.

Rep last 6 rows 7 times more.

Cast off. Place neck plate on back of head, starting in line with the eyes, going over the head then down to second eye. Check it is even then sew in position securely.

HORNS (MAKE 3)

Using Yarn J, cast on 10 sts and purl one row.

Next row (K2tog, K2) to last 2 sts, k2tog. [7 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Next row K2tog, k3tog, k2tog. [3 sts]

Next row Purl.



Next row K3tog.

Fasten off.

Sew seam then turn right side out. Stuff with filling. Sew one horn on top of nose then other 2 at front of head, about 3cm down from top centre head, with about 2.5cm or 1in between them. Ensure all loose ends are tied in securely, to finish.

CORYTHOSAURUS

Using Yarn A and Yarn E, work body and tail as for Stegosaurus.

Use Yarn F to make the arms and legs and Yarn G to make the nose. Sew together as for Stegosaurus.

HEAD SHIELD

Using Yarn G, cast on 22 sts and work 7 rows st st.

Next row Knit.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Next row Purl.

Starting with a purl row, st st 6 rows.

Cast off purlways.

Fold in half lengthways and sew end seams together. Turn right side out and sew across seam. Place seam on centre of head starting about 7 rows down from top at front and working back.

Sew in place securely, to finish. 🧶

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KNITTING STRIPES
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CUTE TIGER





EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic 100g/295m)
1 ball in each:
 - Yarn A** Fondant (1241)
 - Yarn B** Claret (1123)
 - Yarn C** Candyfloss (1130)
 - Oddments of black yarn for eyes and face
 - A pair of 3mm needles
 - Polyester toy filling
 - Darning needle
 - White thread for eyes
- For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft on 01484 848 435 or www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk**

TENSION

- 26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over st st, using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

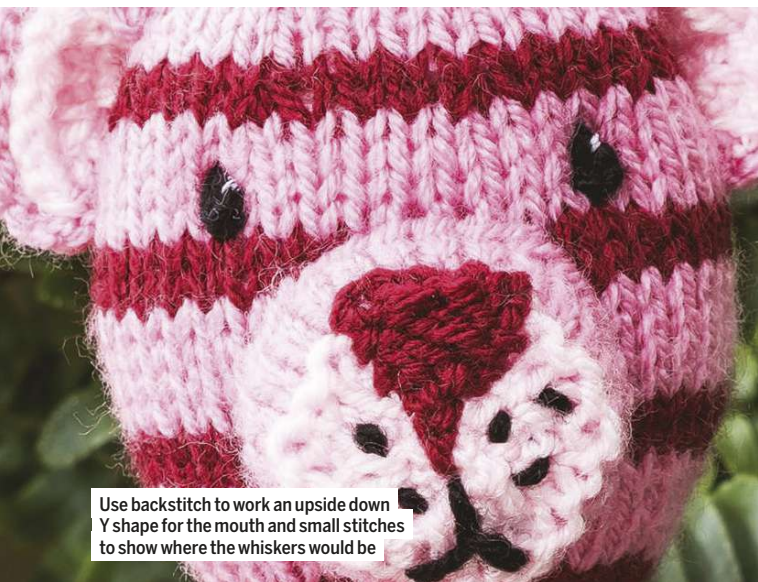
- Approx 22.5cm (9in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

Leave your ends of yarn long after casting off each knitted piece. Use these ends to sew the pieces together. This method will create fewer ends overall to darn in.



Use backstitch to work an upside down Y shape for the mouth and small stitches to show where the whiskers would be

TIGER TOY BODY

Begin at base using Yarn A and **cast on** 8 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Inc in every st. [16 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K1, inc in next st) to end. [24 sts]

Change to Yarn B.

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (K2, inc in next st) to end. [32 sts]

Change to Yarn A.

Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 10 (K3, inc in next st) to end. [40 sts]

Change to Yarn B.

Starting with a purl row, st st 2 rows.

Change to Yarn A.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K4, inc in next st) to end. [48 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 2 rows.

Change to Yarn B.

Starting with a purl row, st st 2 rows.

Change to Yarn A.

Starting with a purl row, st st 2 rows.

Next row P22, using Yarn C P4, using Yarn A P22 (cross yarns over at rear).

Next row K21, using Yarn C K6, using Yarn A K21.

Next row Using Yarn B P20, using Yarn C P8, using Yarn B P20.

Next row K19, using Yarn C K10, using Yarn B K19.

Next row Using Yarn A P18, using Yarn C P12, using Yarn A P18.

Next row K17, using Yarn C K14, using Yarn A K17.

Next row P17, using Yarn C P14, using Yarn A P17.

Next row K17, using Yarn C K14, using Yarn A K17.

Next row Using Yarn B P17, using Yarn C P14, using Yarn B P17.

Next row K17, using Yarn C K14, using Yarn B K17.

Next row Using Yarn A P17, using Yarn C P14, using Yarn A P17.

Next row (K4, k2tog) x3, using Yarn C (K4, k2tog) x2, using Yarn A (K4, k2tog) to end. [40 sts]

Work a further 5 rows in stripe pattern, keeping tummy patch Yarn C.

Next row (K3, k2tog) x3, using Yarn C (K3, k2tog) x2, using Yarn A (K3, k2tog) to end. [32 sts]

Work a further 5 rows in stripe pattern, keeping tummy patch Yarn C.

Next row (K2, k2tog) x3, using Yarn C (K2, k2tog) x2, using Yarn A (K2, k2tog) to end. [24 sts]

Work a further 5 rows in stripe pattern, keeping tummy patch Yarn C.

Next row (K1, k2tog) x3, using Yarn C (K1, k2tog) x2, using Yarn A (K1, k2tog) to end. [16 sts]

Work a further 5 rows in stripe pattern, keeping tummy patch Yarn C.

Cast off using Yarn A.

Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam to neck,

leaving a 3cm gap. Turn right side out and stuff with filling.

Close gap in seam.

FEET (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 6 sts.

First row Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. [12 sts]

Work 3 rows st st.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [8 sts]

Work 5 rows st st.

Next row (K2tog) to end. [4 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through sts.

Pull up sts tightly and secure. Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam halfway up foot. Turn right side out and stuff toe. Sew rem seam. Pin feet in place on base of body with stuffed toe sticking out, starting 2.5cm from centre and leaving 2.5cm between each foot. Sew feet in position securely.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 8 sts.

First row Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. [16 sts]

Work 2 rows st st.

Change to Yarn B.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Keeping stripe patt correct, work 29 rows st st.

Next row (K2tog) to end. [6 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through sts.

Pull up sts tightly. Sew seam for 2cm. Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam, leaving a small gap before top of arm. Turn right side out and stuff with filling. Sew rem seam. Sew to sides of body securely.

HEAD

Begin at neck using Yarn A and **cast on** 8 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Inc in every st. [16 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K1, inc in next st) to end. [24 sts]

Change to Yarn B.

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (K2, inc in next st) to end. [32 sts]

Change to Yarn A.

Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Next row (K3, inc in next st) to end. [40 sts]

Change to Yarn B.

Starting with a purl row, and keeping stripe pattern correct, st st 13 rows.

Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. [32 sts]

Change to Yarn A.

Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [24 sts]

Change to Yarn B.

Starting with a purl row, st st 2 rows.

Change to Yarn A.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [16 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2tog) to end. [8 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through.

Pull up sts tightly and secure. Sew seam to 2cm from cast off edge. Turn right side out and stuff with filling firmly, a little at a time. Sew rem seam, adding some more filling if necessary.

MUZZLE

Begin at front using Yarn C and **cast on** 6 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Inc in every st. 12 sts.

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K1, inc in next st) to end. [18 sts]*

Row 5 Knit.

Change to Yarn A.

Next row (K2, inc in next st) to end. [24 sts]

Starting with a knit row, st st 3 rows.

Cast off.

Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam. Turn right side out and place at front of face, starting 6 rows up from beg. Add filling then sew in place securely.

NOSE

Cast on 4 sts using Yarn B and st st 2 rows. Work further 2 rows dec one st at beg of each. Finally, k2tog and cut yarn and pull through. Place nose in position with cast on sts at top of muzzle where the Yarn C meets Yarn A yarn.

Pull the point of the triangle downwards and sew in position securely. Using a length of black, work an upside down Y shape in backstitch with a few tiny sts either side of muzzle to show where whiskers would be.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Using black yarn, **cast on** 3 sts then k3tog to make the eyes.

Cut yarn and thread through. Sew each eye, either side of muzzle with about 9 sts in between starting at third Yarn B stripe from base of head. Use a length of white thread to work a tiny stitch at the top right hand corner of each eye.

With seam at back sew head to body securely, adding a little filling if necessary.

OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

Begin at base using Yarn A and **cast on** 3 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Inc in every st. [6 sts]

Row 3 Purl.*

Row 4 Inc in every st. [12 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Cast off.

INNER EARS (MAKE 2)

Work in same way as outer ear to*.

Cast off.

Place inner inside outer ear and sew around curved seam (there will be a gap either side). Sew across straight edge. Curve ears and place either side of face so that base of ear is in line with bottom of eye and top of ears are just below final Yarn B stripe at top of head. Sew in position securely.

TAIL

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 3 sts.

First row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [5 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Knit.


Change to Yarn B.

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [7 sts]

Cont working stripes in st st until tail measures 15cm.

Cast off.

With right side uppermost, fold in half and sew seam, filling with stuffing as you go. Pin to base of Tiger at rear and sew in place securely. Ensure all loose ends are tied in securely, to finish. 

RORY THE LION

Bring a smile to a little one's face with this cute and bright, friendly lion. By **Angela Turner**

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EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball in each:
- Yarn A** Bright Lemon (819)
- Yarn B** Signal Red (977)
- Yarn C** Chocolate (947)
- Yarn D** Lemongrass (699)
- Yarn E** Azure (824)
- 3mm knitting needles
- White sewing thread
- Stitch holder
- Tapestry needle
- Polyester filling

For yarn stockists contact Sirdar at www.sirdar.com

MEASUREMENTS

28cm (11in) tall when sitting

TENSION

24 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) over st st, with 3mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

K1A Knit 1 using Yarn A
For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

Rory has a friendly face that's full of character. Take your time with features such as the positioning of the mane and stitching of his mouth and nose, to help bring your lion to life.



"When stuffing the lion's arms and legs, stuff the paws firmly but tops of arms and legs more lightly. This will help to create the correct shape."

ANGELA TURNER, DESIGNER



RORY THE LION HEAD

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 12 sts.

Row 1 Inc in every st. [24 sts]

Row 2 and every foll alt row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [36 sts]

Next row K12, inc in next 12 sts, K12. [48 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 15 rows.

SHAPE FACE

Next row (K3, k2tog twice) twice, K3, k2tog 7 times, (K3, k2tog twice) twice, K3. [33 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 7 rows.

Next row (K3, k2tog twice) twice, K5, (k2tog twice, K3) twice. [25 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 2 rows.

Next row (WS) Knit.

Next row (K2tog, K3) to end. [20 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2tog, K2) to end. [15 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2tog, K1) to end. [10 sts]

Next row (P2tog) to end. [5 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through.

Fold and sew seams together, leaving a 3cm gap at base of head.

Turn right-side out and stuff.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn C, **cast on** 3 sts.

Row 1 K1, k2tog, pass first st over.

Cut yarn and thread through.

With seam of base of head at bottom, pin eyes in position at dec row with about 6 sts in between. Sew ends through head, coming out at gap in base of head. Gently pull eyes, then tie a knot. Cut ends and tuck inside head. Use a length of White thread to work a tiny straight st in top-right of each eye.

NOSE

Using Yarn C, **cast on** 5 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 K2tog, knit to end. [4 sts]

Row 3 P2tog, purl to end. [3 sts]

Row 4 K3tog, knit to end. [1 st]

Cut yarn and thread through.

Pin nose at top of Muzzle (garter st border) and sew in place.

Use Yarn C to work a mouth in backstitch.

MANE

Using Yarn E, **cast on** 7 sts.

St st 4 rows.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [5 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [3 sts]

Next row Inc in first st, P1, inc in next st. [5 sts]

Next row Knit.

Next row Inc in first st, P3, inc in next st. [7 sts]

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Next row Knit.

Cast off purlwise.

Make another 2 Yarn E mane pieces in same way, as well as 3 in Yarn B and 3 in Yarn D.

Fold mane pieces in half and sew seams. Pin in place around head, starting at top of head about 10 rows behind face shaping, and working all the way around head, coming forward a bit as you approach the base of head. Adjust pins if necessary so that the nine pieces of the mane fit right around the head. Sew in place securely.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 6 sts.



With his garter stitch muzzle and colourful mane, Rory has lots of texture and features that will appeal to very young children

G-st 3 rows.

Next row K2tog, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Next row K2tog twice. [2 sts]

Pull first st over second st and pull through.

Curve ears slightly and pin in place in front of mane pieces, with about 5cm in between. Sew to head securely.

BODY

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 12 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. [24 sts]

Next (and every foll alt) row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [36 sts]

Next row (K2, inc in next st) to end. [48 sts]

Next row (K3, inc in next st) to end. [60 sts]

Next row K24, inc in next 12 sts, K24. [72 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st-st 19 rows.

Next row (K2, k2tog twice) four times, k2tog 12 times, (k2tog twice, K2) 4 times. [44 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K20, k2tog twice, k20. [42 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 5 rows.

Next row (K2tog, K5) to end. [36 sts]

Next (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row (K2tog, K4) to end. [30 sts]

Next row (K2tog, K3) to end. [24 sts]

Next row (K2tog, K2) to end. [18 sts]

Next row (K2tog, K1) to end. [12 sts]

Cast off.

Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Fold and sew seams together, leaving a 3cm gap near top edge. Turn right-side out and stuff. Place head on top of body and sew all around neck, adding a little filling as you go.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 12 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. [24 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 5 rows.

Next row K8, k2tog 4 times, k8. [20 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K6, k2tog 4 times, k6. [16 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 23 rows.

Next row K2tog to end. [8 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam, leaving a 3cm gap. Turn right-side out and stuff with filling, a little at a time. Sew rem seam. Pin to sides of body, with arms facing slightly forward. Sew securely in position.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, **cast on** 12 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. [24 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [36 sts]

Change to Yarn A.

Starting with a purl row, st st 7 rows.

Next row K8, k2tog 10 times, K8. [26 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K6, k2tog 7 times, K6. [19 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 23 rows.

Next row K2tog to last st, K1. [10 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

Make another leg in the same way, but start with Yarn E instead of Yarn D.

Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam, leaving a 3cm gap. Turn right-side out and stuff with filling, a little at a time. Sew rem seam. Pin to sides of body at the base. Check that the lion sits unaided, then sew legs securely in position.

TAIL

Using Yarn C, **cast on** 5 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. [10 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [15 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Next row (K2tog, K1) to end. [10 sts]

Next row Purl.

Change to Yarn A.

St st 38 rows.

Cast off.

Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam. Turn right-side out and stuff, curving tail slightly as you go. Sew cast-off sts securely to centre-back, just above base. Tie in all loose ends securely, to finish. 🧶

HELLO DEER

Knit this adorable deer and fawn set for a nature-loving friend. By **Angela Turner**

SWEET
DETAILS BRING
THIS SET
TO LIFE





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic, 295m/100g)
1 ball in each:
Yarn A Walnut (1054)
Yarn B Parchment (1218)
Yarn C Mocha (1064)
 - A pair of 3mm knitting needles
 - Polyester toy filling
 - 8cm square piece of white felt
 - 2 pairs of 8mm blue plastic safety toy eyes
 - 2 small black beads for nose
 - White and black thread
- For yarn stockists contact
Stylecraft on 01484 848435
www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk**

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm square over stocking stitch on 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Fawn: 12cm to top of head
Deer: 18cm to top of head

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130



Make sure the eyes and nose are securely fastened – especially if they're a gift for a child

FAWN BODY

Begin at rear using Yarn C and **cast on** 12 sts.

- Row 1** Inc in every st. [24 sts]
- Row 2** Purl.
- Row 3** Knit.
- Row 4** Purl.
- Row 5** K2, (inc in next st, K1) four times, K4, (inc in next st, K1) four times, K2. [32 sts]

- Row 6** Purl.
 - Row 7** Inc in first st, K14, inc in next st, inc in next st, K14, inc in last st. [36 sts]
 - Row 8** Purl.
 - Row 9** K17, inc in next st, inc in next st, K17. [38 sts]
Starting with a purl row, work 5 rows in st st.
 - Next row** K2, (k2tog) five times, K14, (k2tog) x 5, K2. [28 sts]
 - Next row** Purl.
 - Next row** (K5, k2tog) to end. [24 sts]
 - Next row** Purl.
 - Next row** (K4, k2tog) to end. [20 sts]
Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st st.
 - Next row** (K4, inc in next st) to end. [24 sts]
 - Next row** Purl.
 - Next row** K3, (inc in next st) five times, K8, (inc in next st) five times, K3. [34 sts]
Starting with a purl row, work 11 rows st st.
 - Next row** K3, (k2tog) six times, K4, (k2tog) six times, K3. [22 sts]
 - Next row** Purl.
 - Next row** (K2tog, K2) to last 2 sts, k2tog. [16 sts]
 - Next row** Purl.
 - Next row** (K2tog, K1) to last st, K1. [11 sts]
 - Cast off** purlways.
- Fold in half, and sew along rear end seam to underbelly. Gather round cast off sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam to underbelly, leaving a 3cm gap. Turn RS out, and stuff with filling. Sew rem seam.

FRONT LEGS (MAKE 2)

- Using Yarn A, **cast on** 3 sts.
- First row** Inc in every st. [6 sts]
- Next row** Purl.
- Next row** (K1, inc in next st) to end. [9 sts]
- Next row** Knit.
- Starting with a knit row, work 2 rows st st.
- Change to Yarn B, and work 8 more rows st st.
- Next row** K3, inc in next 3 sts, K3. [12 sts]
Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st st.
- Next row** K4, using Yarn C, K2, using Yarn B, knit to end.
- Next row** Using Yarn B, P5, using Yarn C, P3, using Yarn B, purl to end.
- Next row** Using Yarn B, K5, using Yarn C, K3, using Yarn B, knit to end.

Next row Using Yarn B, P3, using Yarn C, P5, using Yarn B, purl to end.

Next row Using Yarn B, K3, using Yarn C, K4, turn.

Work on this side first.

Next row Using Yarn C, **cast off** 2 sts, P1, using Yarn B, P3. [5 sts]

Next row Using Yarn B, K3, using Yarn C, k2tog, turn. [4 sts]

Cont using Yarn B only.

Next row P2tog, purl to end. [3 sts]

St st 4 rows.

Cast off.

Rejoin yarn to rem sts.

Next row Using Yarn C, K2, using Yarn B, K3, turn. [5 sts]

Next row Using Yarn B, P3, using Yarn C, p2tog. [4 sts]

Cont in Yarn B only.

Next row K2tog, knit to end. [3 sts]

St st 5 rows.

Cast off.

Gather up sts from cast on edge and pull up tightly (but do not cut). Sew seam.

Turn right side out and stuff with filling.

Thread leftover yarn from cast on edge, and push needle through centre of hoof, and pull slightly to help make hoof flat at bottom.

Secure the end and cut.

Pin legs in place on front of body and then sew when in correct position, adding a little filling as you go.

Run a length of Yarn C around the shaping at the sides of the body from one side, along about 12 rows then back around the other side.

Pull up gently to help shape the upper legs.

Rep with other leg.

BACK LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 3 sts.

First row Inc in every st. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [9 sts]

Next row Knit.

Starting with a knit row, work 2 rows st st.

Change to Yarn B and work 6 more rows st st.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [7 sts]

Next row Purl.

Rep these last 2 rows till 3 sts.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [5 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, using Yarn C, K3, using Yarn B, inc in last st. [7 sts]

Next row Using Yarn B, P1, using Yarn C, P4, using Yarn B, P2.

Cont in Yarn C only.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [9 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K3, inc in next 3 sts, K3. [12 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 7 rows st st.

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [9 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [6 sts]

Next row (P2tog) to end. [3 sts]

Cast off.

Gather up sts from cast on edge and pull up tightly (but do not cut). Sew seam to shaping. Join shaped edges together to form a dart at each side.

Turn RS out and stuff with filling.

Thread the leftover yarn from the cast on edge and push the needle through the centre of the hoof and pull slightly to help make the hoof flat at the bottom.

Sew rem seam lightly. Pin legs in place on rear of body and then sew when in correct position. Run a length of Yarn C around the shaping



at the sides of the body from one side, along about 12 rows then back around the other side. Pull up gently to help shape the upper legs. Rep with other leg.

HEAD

Using Yarn C, begin at back of head and **cast on** 6 sts.

First row Inc in every st. [12 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [18 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2, inc in next st) to end. [24 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K3, inc in next st) to end. [30 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K4, inc in next st) to end. [36 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 9 rows.

Next row (K4, k2tog) to end. [30 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. [24 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [18 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2tog) to end. [6 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through sts.

MUZZLE

Using Yarn C, **cast on** 6 sts.

First row Inc in every st. [12 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

NECK

Using Yarn C, **cast on** 16 sts.

Work 3 rows st st. **Cast off** knitways.



Add a few stitched eye lashes to the deer to add personality or a quirky expression



Add white felt markings to your deer's hind quarters with just a few stitches

EARS (MAKE 2)

Start at base of ear using Yarn C, and **cast on** 4 sts.

Row 1 Inc in every st. [8 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [10 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Change to Yarn A.

Rep last 2 rows till 2 sts.

Cast off.

Gather round cast on sts of head and pull up tightly. Join seam for 3cm. Pull up sts tightly at front of head and sew seam, leaving a 3cm gap. Turn RS out. Pin muzzle on front of head, the top of muzzle in line with

last row of head. Cut 2 oval eye shapes in white felt about 12mm long. Cut small cross near edge of one eye corner and push shaft of plastic safety eye through, then through knitting about 6 rows up from muzzle. Rep with second safety eye and push in place about 10 sts away from first eye. Ensure both eyes are secured at back.

Sew a small black bead at uppermost part of muzzle.

Then sew upside down 'Y' shape in small straight sts using double length of black thread.

Add filling to head then sew rem seam.

Gather cast on sts of ears and pull up tightly. Place ears about 3 rows behind eyes and one st below them.

Use double length of black sewing thread to work 3 straight sts at top outside edge of eyes for eyelashes.

Sew neck seam together. Place on top of body at front about 5 rows from start and sew in place.

Add filling. Pin head on neck then sew in position, adding some filling if necessary. Tie in all loose ends securely.

TAIL

Start at base of tail using Yarn C, and **cast on** 4 sts.

Row 1 Inc in every st. [8 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Change to Yarn A.

Row 3 Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [10 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Rep last 2 rows till 2 sts.

Cast off.

Fold tail in half lengthways, and sew seam together. Turn RS out, pin in place on rear end then sew securely.

Cut six 6mm diameter circles of white felt and arrange in a triangle shape on either side of deer at rear end as in photo. Sew securely, to finish.

DEER

Knit and make up head and body as for fawn. Add tail in the same way but omit white felt circles.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 3 sts.

First row Inc in every st. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [9 sts]

Next row Knit.

Starting with a knit row, work 2 rows st st.

Change to Yarn C and work 10 more rows st st.

Next row K3, inc in next 3 sts, K3. [12 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 11 rows st st.

Next row K4, inc in next 4 sts, K4. [16 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st st.

Cast off.

Gather up sts from cast on edge and pull up tightly (but do not cut). Sew seam.

Turn RS out and stuff with filling.

Thread leftover yarn from cast on edge and push the needle through centre of hoof and pull slightly to help make hoof flat at bottom.

Pin legs in place on front and rear of body, and sew securely when in correct position.

Ensure all loose ends are tied in to finish. 🧶

RED THE DOG

Knitted in beautiful bright and bold shades, this adorable pooch will be your little one's new best friend. By **Monica Fuertes**

OUR COVER
STAR - KNIT IT IN
A WEEKEND!





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball of each:
Yarn A Signal Red (977)
Yarn B Aran (993)
Oddment of each:
Yarn C Black (965)
Yarn D Bright Lemon (819)
- A pair of 3.5mm needles
- 2 black glass eyes, 10mm in diameter
- 4 small red buttons
- Green felt
- White felt

- Tapestry needle
- 30g toy filling
- 1 tiny silver metal buckle (omit if giving to a small child)
- 1 tiny bell (omit if giving to a small child)

For yarn stockists contact Sirdar at www.sirdar.com

TENSION

23 sts and 27 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

30cm (12in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

This cheery chap makes such a fun present for little ones – just remember to leave out the bell if you're giving it to very young children and swap the buttons for stitches. We love the bright red colour that Monica's chosen, but there are 100 shades in the Hayfield Bonus DK range, so you can pick your little one's favourite colours for your pooch. Plus, there's no need to worry if he gets a little grubby – just pop him in the washing machine and he'll be as fresh as a daisy!



RED THE DOG TOY BODY

Start at the neck.

Cast on 10 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [20 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end. [30 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end. [45 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Rows 7 to 14 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 15 *Kfb, K3; rep from * to last st, kfb. [57 sts]

Rows 16 to 37 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 38 (WS) *P2tog, P3; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2tog. [45 sts]

Row 39 Knit.

Row 40 *P2tog, P1; rep from * to end. [30 sts]

Row 41 Knit.

Row 42 *P2tog, P1; rep from * to end. [20 sts]

Row 43 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [10 sts]

Row 44 *P2tog; rep from * to end. [5 sts]

Cast off.

HEAD

Start at the muzzle.

Cast on 7 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [14 sts]

Row 2 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [28 sts]

Row 3 *Kfb, K26, kfb. [30 sts]

Rows 4 to 14 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Change to Yarn A.

Row 15 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [60 sts]

Rows 16 to 32 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 33 *K2tog, K4; rep from * to end. [50 sts]

Row 34 Purl.

Row 35 *K2tog, K3; rep from * to end. [40 sts]

Row 36 Purl.

Row 37 *K2tog, K2; rep from * to end. [30 sts]

Row 38 Purl.

Row 39 *K2tog, K1; rep from * to end. [20 sts]

Row 40 *P2tog; rep from * to end. [10 sts]

Row 41 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [5 sts]

Cast off.

NOSE

Cast on 4 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 4 times. [8 sts]

Cast off.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Start at the foot.

Cast on 20 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 20 times. [40 sts]

Rows 2 to 5 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 6 P12, (p2tog) 8 times, P12. [32 sts]

Row 7 K10, (k2tog) 6 times, K10. [26 sts]

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 K9, (sk2po) 3 times, K8. [20 sts]

Rows 10 to 33 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

SOLES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 K1, purl to last st, K1.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 Kfb, P4, kfb. [8 sts]

Rows 5 to 14 Rep Rows 1 and 2 five times.

Row 15 K2tog, K4, k2tog. [6 sts]

Cast off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Start at the paw.

Cast on 8 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 8 times. [16 sts]

Rows 2 to 11 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Change to Yarn A.

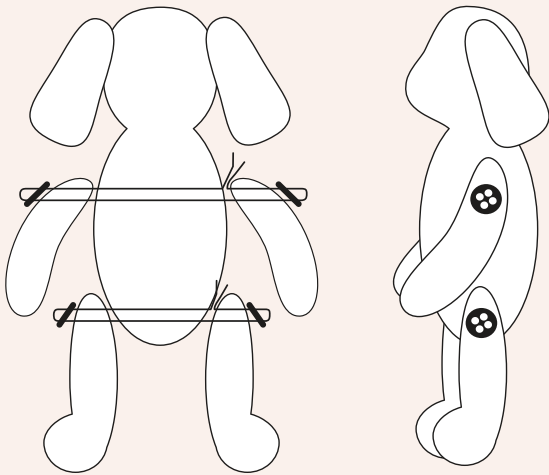
Rows 12 to 36 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

HOW TO ATTACH THE BUTTON LIMBS



Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Kfb, P5, kfb. [9 sts]

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 Kfb, P7, kfb. [11 sts]

Rows 5 to 23 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 24 P2tog, P7, p2tog. [9 sts]

Row 25 Knit.

Row 26 P2tog, P5, p2tog. [7 sts]

Row 27 K2tog, K3, k2tog. [5 sts]

Cast off.

INNER EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Kfb, K5, kfb. [9 sts]

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 Kfb, K7, kfb. [11 sts]

Rows 5 to 23 Starting on a RS knit row, work in garter st.

Row 24 K2tog, K7, k2tog. [9 sts]

Row 25 Knit.

Row 26 K2tog, K5, k2tog. [7 sts]

Row 27 K2tog, K3, k2tog. [5 sts]

Cast off.

TAIL

Cast on 24 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Cast off.

COLLAR

Cast on 32 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn D.

Knit 2 rows.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

1 Join Body seam and stuff. Join Head seam and stuff.

2 Cut two tiny circles of green felt and two of white felt, glue these into place for the eyes, then attach eye beads on top, using photos as a guide.

3 Join Head to Body and add a few stitches under the chin so the Head sits slightly downwards.



Use a combination of felt circles and glass buttons for eyes full of personality!

4 Seam Nose into a circular shape and attach to Head using photos as a guide.


5 Seam Legs and stuff lightly. Attach each Leg to Body using a red button and stitching all the way through Body.

6 Seam Soles and attach one to each Leg to form base of foot.

7 Seam Arms and stuff lightly. Attach each Arm to Body using a red button.

8 Join each Inner Ear to an Outer Ear, stitching all the way around. Attach Ears to top of Head using photos as a guide.

9 Seam Tail along its length and attach to Body.

10 Attach buckle and bell to Collar, then arrange Collar around neck and stitch in place. 

CUDDLE TIME

They'll have a whale of a time playing with **Louise Walker's** brilliantly big and snuggly underwater creature!

GORGEOUSLY
SOFT TUMMY
KNITTED IN
FLEECE YARN




IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS
YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar, Hayfield Chunky with Wool (80% acrylic, 20% wool, 145m/100g)
3 balls in:
Yarn A Ocena (609)
 - Sirdar, Snuggly Snowflake Chunky (100% polyester, 50g/124m)
1 ball in each:
Yarn B Rusk (203)
Yarn C Bath Time (207)
 - Scrap yarn (in two colours, **Yarn X** and **Yarn Y** in pattern)
 - A pair of 5.5mm and 6.5mm knitting needles
 - 2 x 24mm toy safety eyes
 - 800g of toy stuffing
- For yarn stockists contact Sirdar at www.sirdar.com**

TENSION

For both yarns: 14 sts and 19 rows to 10cm (4in) square over st st, using 6.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Finished size: 86cm nose to tail

ABBREVIATIONS

Skp – Slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over
For a full list of abbreviations see page 130

TOP TIP

Lightly stuff the fins to make them nice and floppy. Add plenty of stuffing in the body and head and less in the tail to help you get a more realistic shape. Use the photos as a guide.



"When it comes to toys, cuddliness is of the utmost importance and this blue whale is about as huggable as you can get! Turn him over for his super-soft garter stitch tummy."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR


WHALE TOP PIECE (MAKE ONE)

Using the long tail cast-on method and 6.5mm needles, **cast on** 6 stitches in Yarn A. This will form the first row of knitting.

- Row 1** (RS) Knit.
- Row 2** (WS) P all even rows unless otherwise stated.
- Row 3** (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]
- Row 5** (K1, kfb) to end. [18 sts]
- Row 7** (K2, kfb) to end. [24 sts]
- Row 9** (K3, kfb) to end. [30 sts]
- Row 11** (K4, kfb) to end. [36 sts]
- Row 13** (K5, kfb) to end. [42 sts]
- Rows 15-46** Work in st st.
- Row 47** Kfb, K39, kfb, K1. [44 sts]
- Row 49** K1, kfb, K39 adding scrap yarn marker (Yarn X) on the 2nd and 2nd from last stitch, kfb, K2. [46 sts]
- Row 51** K2, kfb, K39, kfb, K3. [48 sts]
- Row 53** K3, kfb, K39, kfb, K4. [50 sts]
- Row 55** K4, kfb, K39, kfb, K5. [52 sts]
- Row 57** K5, kfb, K39, kfb, K6. [54 sts]
- Row 59** K6, kfb, K39, kfb, K7. [56 sts]
- Row 61** K7, kfb, K39, kfb, K8. [58 sts]
- Row 63** K8, kfb, K39, kfb, K9. [60 sts]

- Row 65** Knit.
- Row 67** K9, kfb, K39, kfb, K10. [62 sts]
- Row 69** Knit.
- Row 71** K10, kfb, K39, kfb, K11. [64 sts]
- Row 73** Knit, adding scrap yarn marker (Yarn Y) on the 3rd and 3rd from last stitches.
- Row 75** Knit.
- Row 77** K11, kfb, K39, kfb, K12. [66 sts]
- Row 79** Knit.
- Row 81** Knit.
- Row 83** K12, kfb, K39, kfb, K13. [68 sts]
- Row 85** Knit, adding scrap yarn markers (Yarn Y) on the 4th and 4th from last stitches.
- Row 87** Knit.
- Row 89** K13, kfb, K39, kfb, K14. [70 sts]
- Row 91** Knit.
- Row 93** Knit.
- Row 95** K14, kfb, K39, kfb, K15. [72 sts]
- Row 97** *K10, k2tog* all stitches. [66 sts]
- Row 99** Knit.
- Row 101** *K9, k2tog* all stitches. [60 sts]
- Row 103** Knit.
- Row 105** *K8, k2tog* all stitches. [54 sts]
- Row 107** Knit.
- Row 109** *K7, k2tog* all stitches. [48 sts]
- Row 111** Knit.
- Row 113** (K6, k2tog) to end. [42 sts]
- Row 115** Knit.
- Row 117** Knit.
- Row 119** (K5, k2tog) to end. [36 sts]
- Row 121** Knit.
- Row 123** Knit.
- Row 125** (K4, k2tog) to end. [30 sts]
- Row 127** Knit.



He may be enormous, but our loveable whale knits up quickly in chunky yarn and isn't too tricky to create

Row 131 (K3, k2tog) to end. [24 sts]
Rows 133-152 Work in st st.
Row 153 Kfb, knit to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [26 sts]
Row 155 Knit.
Row 157 Knit.
Row 159 Kfb, knit to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [28 sts]
Rows 161-166 Work in st st.
Row 167 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [30 sts]
Row 169 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [32 sts]
Row 171 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [34 sts]
Row 173 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [36 sts]
Row 175 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [38 sts]
Row 177 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [40 sts]

TAIL

Row 178 P2O and turn the piece, placing the remaining 20 stitches on a stitch holder to be worked later.

Row 179 Skp, K to the last two stitches kfb, K1. [20 sts]
Row 181 Skp, K to the last two stitches kfb, K1. [20 sts]
Row 183 Skp, K to the last two stitches kfb, K1. [20 sts]
Row 185 **Cast off** 2 sts, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [19 sts]
Row 187 **Cast off** 2 sts, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [18 sts]
Row 189 **Cast off** 3 sts, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [16 sts]
Row 191 **Cast off** 4 sts, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [13 sts]
Row 193 **Cast off** 5 sts, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [9 sts]
Row 195 **Cast off.** Weave in loose ends.

Place the 20 stitches on the stitch holder back on the needle ready to be worked from row 178 (a purl row).

Row 178 Re-attach the yarn and purl.
Row 179 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, k2tog. [20 sts]
Row 181 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, k2tog. [20 sts]
Row 183 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, k2tog. [20 sts]
Row 185 Kfb, K to the end of the row. [21 sts]
Row 186 **Cast off** 2 stitches purlwise, P to the end of the row. [19 sts]
Row 187 Kfb, K to the end of the row. [20 sts]
Row 188 **Cast off** 2 stitches purlwise, P to the end of the row. [18 sts]
Row 189 Kfb, K to the end of the row. [19 sts]

P to the end of the row. [16 sts]
Row 191 Kfb, K to the end of the row. [17 sts]
Row 192 **Cast off** 4 stitches purlwise, P to the end of the row. [13 sts]
Row 193 Kfb, K to the end of the row. [14 sts]
Row 194 **Cast off** 4 stitches purlwise, p to the end of the row. [9 sts]
Row 195 **Cast off.**
 Weave in loose ends.

UNDERBELLY (MAKE ONE)

Using long tail cast-on method and 5.5mm needles, **cast on** 6 stitches in Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Row 2 (WS) Knit.
Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]
Row 4 Knit.
Row 5 (K1, kfb) to end. [18 sts]
Row 6 Knit.
Row 7 (K2, kfb) to end. [24 sts]
Row 8 Knit.
Row 9 (K3, kfb) to end. [30 sts]
Row 10 Knit.
Row 11 (K4, kfb) all stitches. [36 sts]
Row 12 Knit.
Row 13 Change to Yarn C and (K5, kfb) to end. [42 sts]
Row 14 Knit.
Row 15 (K6, kfb) to end. [48 sts]
Row 16 Knit.
Row 17 (K7, kfb) to end. [54 sts]
Row 18 Knit.
Row 19 (K8, kfb) to end. [60 sts]
Rows 20-24 Knit.
Rows 25-36 Change to Yarn B and knit.
Rows 37-40 Change to Yarn C and knit.
Row 41 (K18, k2tog) to end. [57 sts]
Row 42 Knit.
Row 43 (K17, k2tog) to end. [54 sts]
Row 44 Knit.
Row 45 (K16, k2tog) to end. [51 sts]
Row 46 Knit.
Row 47 (K15, k2tog) all stitches. [48 sts]

Row 48 Knit.

Row 49 Change to Yarn B and (K14, k2tog) to end. [45 sts]

Row 50 Knit.

Row 51 Skp, K to the last two stitches, k2tog. [43 sts]

Row 52 Knit.

Rows 53-60 Repeat the last 2 rows

4 more times. [35 sts]

Row 61 Change to Yarn C and knit to the last two stitches, k2tog. [34 sts]

Row 62 Knit.

Row 63 Skp, K to the last two stitches, k2tog. [32 sts]

Row 64 Knit.

Rows 65-72 Knit.

Rows 73-84 Change to Yarn B and knit.

Rows 85-96 Change to Yarn C and knit.

Row 97-104 Change to Yarn B and knit.

Row 105 Skp, K to the last two stitches, k2tog. [30 sts]

Rows 106-108 Knit.

Rows 109-120 Change to Yarn C and knit.

Rows 121-124 Knit.

Row 125 Change to Yarn B, (K8, k2tog) to end. [27 sts]

Rows 126-130 Knit.

Row 131 (K7, k2tog) to end. [24 sts]

Row 132 Knit.

Rows 133-142 Change to Yarn C and knit.

Rows 143-152 Change to Yarn B and knit.

Row 153 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [26 sts]

Row 154 Knit.

Row 155 Knit.

Row 156 Knit.

Row 157 Change to Yarn C and knit.

Row 158 Knit.

Row 159 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [28 sts]

Rows 160-166 Knit.

Row 167 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [30 sts]

Row 168 Knit.

Row 169 Change to Yarn B and kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [32 sts]

Row 170 Knit.

Row 171 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, Kfb, K1. [34 sts]

Row 172 Knit.

Row 173 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [36 sts]

Row 174 Knit.

Row 175 Kfb, knit to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [38 sts]

Row 176 Knit.

Row 177 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [40 sts]

THE TAIL

Row 178 K20 and turn the piece, placing the remaining 20 stitches on a stitch holder to be worked later.

Row 179 Skp, K to the last two stitches kfb, K1. [20 sts]

Row 180 Knit.

Row 181 Change to Yarn C and skp, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [20 sts]

Row 182 Knit.

Row 183 Skp, K to the last two stitches kfb, K1. [20 sts]

Row 184 Knit.

Row 185 Cast off 2, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [19 sts]

Row 186 Knit.

Row 187 Cast off 2, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [18 sts]

Row 188 Knit.

Row 189 Cast off 3 sts, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [16 sts]

Row 190 Knit.

Row 191 Cast off 4 sts, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [13 sts]

Row 192 Knit.

Row 193 Cast off 5 sts, K to the last two stitches, kfb, K1. [9 sts]

Row 194 Knit.

Row 195 Cast off.

Weave in loose ends.

Place the 20 stitches on the stitch holder back on the needle ready to be worked from row 178 (a knit row).

Row 178 Reattach the yarn and knit.

Row 179 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, k2tog. [20 sts]

Row 180 Knit.

Row 181 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, k2tog. [20 sts]

Row 182 Knit.

Row 183 Kfb, K to the last two stitches, k2tog. [20 sts]

Row 184 Knit.

Row 185 Kfb, K to the end of the row.

[21 sts]

Row 186 Cast off 2 sts, K to the end of the row. [19 sts]

Row 187 Kfb, K to the end of the row.

[20 sts]

Row 188 Cast off 2 sts, K to the end of the row. [18 sts]

Row 189 Kfb, K to the end of the row.

[19 sts]

Row 190 Cast off 3 sts, K to the end of the row. [16 sts]

Row 191 Kfb, K to end of the row. [17 sts]

Row 192 Cast off 4 sts, K to the end of the row. [13 sts]

Row 193 Kfb, K to end of the row. [14 sts]

Row 194 Cast off 5 sts, K to the end of the row. [9 sts]

Row 195 Cast off.

Weave in loose ends.

FLIPPERS/TOP PIECE (MAKE TWO)

Using the long tail cast-on method and 6.5mm needles, **cast on** 12 stitches in Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (WS) Purl.

Rows 3-22 Work in st st.

Row 23 (K3, kfb) to end. [15 sts]

Row 24 Purl.

Rows 25-28 Work in st st.

Row 29 (K4, kfb) to end. [18 sts]

Row 30 Purl.

Rows 31-34 Work in st st.

Row 35 (K5, kfb) to end. [21 sts]

Row 36 Purl.

Rows 37-46 Work in st st.

Row 47 (K5, k2tog) to end. [18 sts]

Row 48 Purl.

Row 49 (K4, k2tog) to end. [15 sts]

Row 50 Purl.

Row 51 (K3, k2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Row 52 Purl.

Row 53 (K2, k2tog) to end. [9 sts]

Row 54 Purl.

Row 55 (K1, k2tog) to end. [6 sts]

Row 56 Purl.

Row 57 (K2tog) to end. [3 sts]

Row 58 Purl.

Row 59 Cast off.

Weave in loose ends.

FLIPPERS/BOTTOM PIECE (MAKE TWO)

Using the long tail cast-on method and 5.5mm knitting needles, **cast on** 12 stitches in C.

Row 1 Knit.

Rows 2-6 Knit.



If you're knitting this for a child under three years old, for safety, embroider the eyes on rather than using plastic eyes

Rows 7-12 Change to Yarn B and knit.
Rows 13-18 Change to Yarn C and knit.
Rows 19-22 Change to Yarn B and knit.
Row 23 (K3, kfb) to end. [15 sts]
Row 24 Knit.
Rows 25-28 Change to Yarn C and knit.
Row 29 (K4, kfb) to end. [18 sts]
Row 30 Knit.
Rows 31-34 Change to Yarn B and knit.
Row 35 (K5, kfb) to end. [21 sts]
Row 36 Knit.
Rows 37-42 Change to Yarn C and knit.
Rows 43-46 Change to Yarn B and knit.
Row 47 (K5, k2tog) to end. [18 sts]
Row 48 Knit.
Row 49 Change to Yarn C and (K4, k2tog) to end. [15 sts]
Row 50 Knit.
Row 51 (K3, k2tog) to end. [12 sts]
Row 52 Knit.
Row 53 (K2, k2tog) to end. [9 sts]
Row 54 Knit.
Row 55 Change to Yarn B and (K1, k2tog) to end. [6 sts]
Row 56 Knit.
Row 57 (K2tog) to end. [3 sts]
Row 58 Knit.
Row 59 Cast off.
 Weave in loose ends.

TO MAKE UP

Place each 24mm eye on the Yarn X scrap yarn markers. Remove the markers and secure the eyes to the knitting using a safety washer.

Place the top and bottom piece of the whale together, with the wrong sides facing inwards and so that the cast-on edges and cast-off edges match up.

Pin and sew these pieces together from the cast-on edge to cast-off edge, then back up to cast-on edge using a mattress stitch in Yarn A. Leave a hole for stuffing.

Take a top flipper and bottom flipper piece and place them together with the wrong sides facing in. Pin and sew up from the cast-on edge to the cast-off edge, then back up to the cast-on edge using a mattress stitch in Yarn A.

Leave the cast-on edge open and then very lightly stuff the fins so they're nice and floppy.

Stuff the whale, being aware of the shaping – add more stuffing in the body and head, but less in the tail. Use the photograph as a guide to get the right shape.

Sew up the hole used for stuffing with a mattress stitch in Yarn A. Place each flipper on either side of body, between Yarn Y yarn markers. Pin and sew into place with Yarn A. Remove markers, to finish. 🧶



DELIGHTFUL
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BEST BUDDIES

Easy to grab – and to love – this long-legged huggable couple of cuties makes a fine pair of knitted friends for baby. By **Ann Franklin**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Rico, Baby Cotton Soft DK (50% acrylic, 50% cotton, 50g/125m)
1 ball in each:
Yarn A Coconut (69)
Yarn B Violet (072)
Yarn C Turquoise (056)
Yarn E Snow White (018)
Yarn F Flamingo (053)
Yarn G Purple (055)
- Yarn D small amount of dark grey DK yarn for the features
- A pair of 3mm knitting needles

- 50g toy stuffing
 - 2 safety pins
- For yarn stockists contact Rico at www.rico-design.com**

TENSION
23 sts and 27 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS
35cm (14in) high

ABBREVIATIONS
For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

For toys intended for children under the age of three and babies in particular, it's vital to ensure that any small parts are sewn on firmly. Sewing twice with the yarn and once more with matching sewing thread is a way to ensure this. All small parts must be checked regularly to make sure they're not loose, and re-sewn if necessary. Always embroider the eyes and other facial features, where possible, rather than using buttons or safety eyes.



When sewing the faces, hide the grey yarn so it doesn't show through the knitting – after sewing one eye, take the needle back into the stuffing and bring it out where you want the other eye to be

"Knitted in a soft, stretchable, cotton mix yarn, these toys have just the right amount of give that's needed for all those enthusiastic cuddles from little ones!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



KITTEN BODY AND HEAD

Using Yarn A and 3mm needles **cast on** 6 sts.

- Row 1** (Kfb) to the end of the row. [12 sts]
 - Row 2 & every alt row** Purl.
 - Row 3** (Kfb) to the end of the row. [24 sts]
 - Row 5** (K1, kfb) to the end of the row. [36 sts]
- Beginning purl, st st 23 rows.

Decrease for shoulders & neck

- Row 29** K6, (k2tog) three times, K12, (k2tog) three times, K6. [30 sts]
- Row 30** Purl.
- Row 31** (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row. [20 sts]
- Row 32** Purl.

Increase for head

- Row 33** (Kfb) to the end of the row. [40 sts]
- Beginning purl, st st 19 rows.
- Row 53** (K3, k2tog) to the end of the row. [32 sts]
 - Row 54 and every alt row** Purl.
 - Row 55** (K2, k2tog) to the end of the row. [24 sts]
 - Row 57** (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row. [16 sts]
 - Row 59** (K2tog) to the end of the row. [8 sts]
- B&T.**

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2) needles and Yarn A, **cast on** 12 sts. Beginning knit, st st 60 rows.

Top of foot

* **Row 61** K3, leave these 3 sts on a safety pin or spare thread, K6, turn, leaving final 3 sts of the row on a second safety pin or thread.

Row 62 and every alt row Purl

Row 63 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Row 65 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Beginning purl, st st 5 rows.

Row 71 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 72 and every alt row Purl.

Row 73 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 74 Purl.

Cast off.

Bottom of foot

Row 1 With the right side of the work facing, join in Yarn B and knit across the 3 sts left on the second safety pin, working from the edge of the top of the foot towards the seam edge of the leg. Folding the work around so that the right side of the 3 sts left on the first needle are facing you, knit these 3 sts, working across the seam edge of the leg and towards the top of the foot.

Row 2 Purl.

Do not break off Yarn B, but join in Yarn C and from this point on work in stripes – 2 rows Yarn C, 2 rows Yarn B – to the end of the bottom of the foot.

Row 3 [In Yarn C] Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 [In Yarn B] Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Keeping stripe pattern correct, and beginning purl, st st 5 rows.

Row 11 [In Yarn C] Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 12 Purl.

Row 13 [In Yarn B] Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 74 Purl.

Cast off in Yarn B **.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm needles and Yarn A, **cast on** 4 sts.

Row 1 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 6 sts.

Row 2 and every alt row Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Row 5 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Row 7 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [12 sts]

Beginning purl, st st 45 rows.

Work as for Legs from * (Row 61 on legs) to ** for the top and bottom of the hands.

TAIL

Using 3mm needles and Yarn A, **cast on** 10 sts.

Beginning knit, st st 40 rows.

B&T.

OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm needles and Yarn A, **cast on** 11 sts.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 and every alt row Purl.

Row 3 K3, k2tog, K1, ssk, K3. [9 sts]

Row 5 K2, k2tog, K1, ssk, K2. [7 sts]

Row 7 K1, k2tog, K1, ssk, K1. [5 sts]

Row 9 K2tog, K1, ssk. [3 sts]

Row 10 P3tog to **cast off**.

INNER EARS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm needles and Yarn B, **cast on** 9 sts.

Row 1 Knit.

Join in Yarn C.



Row 2 [Yarn C] Purl.

Row 3 K2, k2tog, K1, ssk, K2. [7 sts]

Row 4 [Yarn B] Purl.

Row 5 K1, k2tog, K1, ssk, K1. [5 sts]

Row 6 [Yarn C] Purl.

Row 7 K2tog, K1, ssk. [3 sts]

Row 8 P3tog to **cast off**.

COLLAR

Using 3mm needles and Yarn C, **cast on** 28 sts.

Row 1 Knit.

Cast off in knit.

MAKING UP

BODY AND HEAD

Sew a running stitch through the cast-on stitches and pull these up tightly to close them into a tight circle. Sew the main seam from the cast-on to the cast-off edge, leaving a small gap for turning. Turn and stuff, then close the gap in the seam. Sew a running stitch through the row below the head increase row and pull this up to form the neck.

LEGS

Turn the leg so that the right sides of the top and bottom of the feet are facing each other, and that they are not twisted around the leg. Join the top of the foot to the bottom of the foot. Join the main leg seam, leaving the cast-on edge open. Turn the foot and leg to the right side and stuff. Sew across the cast-on edge, having the main seam at the centre back. Sew the legs to the base of the body, making sure that the top of the foot is facing forwards.

ARMS

Turn the arm so that the right sides of the top and bottom of the hands are facing each other, and that they are not twisted around the arm. Join the top of the hand to the bottom of the hand. Join the main arm seam up to the shaped portion at the top of the arm. Turn the hand and arm to the right side and stuff. Sew the open stitches to the sides of the body, on top of the shoulder shaping.

EARS

Sew the inner and outer ear pieces together, slightly stretching the inner ear to fit, and leaving the cast-on edges open. Turn the ears to the right-side, and oversew the cast-on edges together. Fold the ears in the centre. Pin and sew to the side of the head. At approx 14 rows



above the head increase the row at the bottom, and about 4 rows apart at the top of the head, with the centre fold 2 or 3 stitches behind the front edges.

COLLAR

Place around the neck and join the side seams. (The collar is a tight fit, as it helps to shape the neck).

FACE

Using B, work a few back stitches across the centre stitch at the front of the head. 10 rows above the head increase the row. Using the same yarn, embroider a mouth three rows below the nose by back stitching a shallow 'w' over the three centre stitches. Using D, work a few back stitches vertically for the eyes, starting 2 rows above the nose and leaving three stitches between the eyes. Using the same yarn, work three long stitches on either side of the face, starting one row below the nose and four stitches apart from each other, for the whiskers.

BUNNY HEAD AND BODY

Make exactly the same as the head and body for the Kitten, except using Yarn E instead of Yarn A throughout.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm needles and Yarn E, **cast on** 12 sts. Beginning knit, st st 60 rows.

Top of foot

Row 61 K3, leave these 3 sts on a safety pin or spare thread, K6, turn, leaving final 3 sts of the row on a second safety pin or thread.

Row 62 and every alt row Purl.

Row 63 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Row 65 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Row 67 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [12 sts]

Beginning purl, st st 9 rows.

Row 77 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [10 sts]

Row 78 and every alt row Purl.

Row 79 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 81 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 83 Purl.

Cast off.

Bottom of foot

Row 1 With the right side of the work facing, join in Yarn F and knit across the 3 sts left on the second safety pin, working from the edge of the top of the foot towards the seam edge of the leg. Folding the work around so that the right side of the 3 sts left on the first needle are facing you, knit these 3 sts, working across the seam edge of the leg and towards the top of the foot.

Row 2 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. 8 sts. (Note that the bottom of the feet and hands are worked in reversed stocking stitch, so this row is knit, not purl.)

Do not break off Yarn F, but join in Yarn G and from this point on work in stripes – 2 rows G, 2 rows F – to the end of the bottom of the hand.

Row 3 [In Yarn G] Purl.

Row 4 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Row 5 [In Yarn F] Purl.

Row 6 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [12 sts]

Keeping stripe pattern correct, and beginning purl, st st 9 rows.

Row 16 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [10 sts]

Row 17 Purl.

Row 18 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 19 Purl.

Row 20 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 21 Purl.

Cast off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm needles and Yarn E, **cast on** 4 sts.

Row 1 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [6 sts]

Row 2 and every alt row Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Row 5 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Row 7 Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [12 sts]

Beginning purl, st st 45 rows.

Top of hand

Row 53 K3, leave these 3 sts on a safety pin or spare thread, K6, turn, leaving final 3 sts of the row on a second safety pin or thread.

Row 54 and every alt row Purl.

Row 55 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Row 57 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Beginning purl, st st 5 rows.

Row 63 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 64 Purl.

Row 65 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 66 Purl.

Cast off.

Bottom of hand

Row 1 With the right side of the work facing, join in Yarn F and knit across the 3 sts left on the second safety pin, working from the edge of the top of the foot towards the seam edge of the leg. Folding the work around so that the right side of the 3 sts left on the first needle are facing you, knit these 3 sts, working across the seam edge of the leg and towards the top of the foot.

Row 2 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Do not break off Yarn F, but join in Yarn G and from this point on work in stripes – 2 rows Yarn G, 2 rows Yarn F – to the end of the bottom of the hand.

Row 3 [In Yarn G] Purl.

Row 4 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Keeping stripe pattern correct, and beginning purl, st st 5 rows.

Row 10 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 11 Purl.

Row 12 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 13 Purl.

Cast off.

OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm needles and Yarn E, **cast on** 6 sts.

Row 1 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Beginning purl, st st 35 rows.

Row 39 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Beginning purl, st st 3 rows.

Row 43 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Beginning purl, st st 3 rows.

Row 47 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [4 sts]

Beginning purl, st st 3 rows.

Row 51 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts]

Row 52 Purl.

Row 53 K2tog to **cast off.**

INNER EARS (MAKE 2)

Use reverse stocking stitch.

Using 3mm needles and Yarn F, **cast on** 4 sts.

Row 1 (WS) Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [6 sts]

Do not break off Yarn F, but join in Yarn G and from this point on work in stripes – 2 rows Yarn G, 2 rows Yarn F.

Row 2 Yarn G, Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Beginning purl and Yarn F, st st 35 rows in 2 colour striped pattern as set.

Row 39 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Beginning purl, st st 3 rows.

Row 43 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [4 sts]

Beginning purl, st st 3 rows.

Row 47 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts]

Row 48 Purl.

Row 49 K2tog to **cast off.**

TAIL

Using 3mm needles and Yarn F, **cast on** 12 sts.

Row 1 (K1, kfb) to the end of the row. [18 sts]

Do not break off Yarn F, but join in Yarn G and from this point on work in stripes – 2 rows Yarn G, 2 rows Yarn F.

Row 2 Yarn G, Purl.

Row 3 K2, kfb to the end of the row. [24 sts]

Row 4 Yarn F, Purl.

Row 5 K3, kfb to the end of the row. [30 sts]

Beginning purl and Yarn G, st st 5 rows in 2 colour stripes as set.

Row 11 (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row. [20 sts]



Row 12 Purl.

Row 13 K2tog to the end of the row. [10 sts]

B&T

COLLAR

Using 3mm needles and Yarn F, **cast on** 28 sts.

Row 1 Knit.

Cast off in knit.

BOW

Using 3mm needles and Yarn F, **cast on** 12 sts.

Work 10 rows in garter st.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Make up as for the kitten, except for the face, ears and tail, taking special note that the bottom of the hands and feet are worked in reverse stocking stitch, so that the 'purl' side is the right side.

EARS

With right sides together, sew the inner ear to the outer ear, leaving the cast-on edges open for turning. Turn to the right side and stuff very lightly. Oversew the cast-on edges together, then sew the ears to either side of the head, outer ear upwards.

FACE

Using Yarn B, work a few back stitches across the centre stitch at the front of the head, 10 rows above the head increase row. Using the same yarn, embroider a mouth three rows below the nose by back stitching an inverted 'w' over the three centre stitches. Using Yarn D, work a few back stitches vertically for the eyes, starting 2 rows above the nose and leaving 3 stitches between the eyes. Using the same yarn, work three long stitches on either side of the face, starting one row below the nose and four stitches apart from each other, for the whiskers.

TAIL

Sew the main seam, leaving the cast-on edge open. Stuff the tail. Sew the open edge of the tail to the back of the rabbit.

BOW

Sew to the collar across the bow's centre, pulling up the stitching to create the bow shape. 🧶

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SPACE INVADERS

Get ready to blast off into space when you knit our intrepid spaceman, adorable spacedog and their impressive rocket! By **Monica Fuertes**

**FUN GIFT
IDEA TO KNIT
FOR FANS OF
OUTER SPACE!**





EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball of each:
- Yarn A** Biscuit (963)
- Yarn B** Aran (993)
- Yarn C** Silver Mist (678)
- Yarn D** White (961)
- Yarn E** Walnut (927)
- Yarn F** Emerald (916)
- Yarn G** Signal Red (977)
- Yarn H** Azure (824)

Yarn J Iced Pink (958)

Yarn K Chocolate (947)

Yarn L Sunflower (978)

Yarn M Bright Lemon (819)

- A pair of 3mm knitting needles
- 2 black glass eyes, 5mm in diameter (Spaceman)
- 2 black glass eyes, 4mm in diameter (Spacedog)
- 1 black glass eye, 5mm in diameter (Dog nose)
- White, grey and royal blue felt
- Cardboard
- Black thread (Dog fingers)
- Red thread (Spaceman's mouth)
- 1 tiny fastener button (Helmet)
- 4 small mother of pearl buttons

(to attach the Arms and Legs)

- 4 tiny buttons in different colours (Helmet)

Tapestry needle

Polyester toy stuffing

For yarn stockists contact Sirdar at www.sirdar.com

Tail) 7cm (2½in) tall

Rocket (total length including Supports) 28cm (11in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

K1A/B knit 1 in Yarn A/B
For a full list see page 130

TENSION

25 sts and 33 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Spaceman (with Helmet)

15cm (6in) tall

Spacedog (seated, from Head to

SPACEMAN HEAD

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [10 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [20 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) to end. [30 sts]

Work 8 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 14 (P2tog, P1) to end. [20 sts]

Row 15 Knit.

Row 16 (P2tog) to end. [10 sts]

Row 17 Knit.

Row 18 (P2tog) to end. [5 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Head and stuff it making the right shape.

Sew the 5mm eyes in place and embroider the mouth with red thread using image as a guide.

Embroider the nose and the cheeks with Yarn J and a tapestry needle.

HAIR

Cut a long strand of Yarn K and embroider the Hair with long stitches from the top of the Head to the ears and the back part of



Embroider Chocolate brown yarn on the head of the spaceman to create a neat and tidy hairstyle, complete with side parting!

the Head, using the photo as a guide. Continue embroidering until the Head is covered.

Embroider the fringe with long stitches from the front around both sides of the face.

BODY

Begin at the neck.

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (Kfb) to end. [10 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (Kfb, K1), to end. [15 sts]

Row 5 (Pfb, P1) to last st, pfb. [23 sts]

Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 12 Kfb, K21, Kfb. [25 sts]

Row 13 Purl.

Row 14 K1, Kfb, K2, Kfb, K15, Kfb, K2, Kfb, K1. [29 sts]

Work 5 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 20 (K4, k2tog) to last 5 sts, K5. [25 sts]

Row 21 Purl.

Row 22 K1, (K2tog, K2) to end. [19 sts]

Row 23 P1, (P2tog, P1) to end. [13 sts]

Row 24 K1, (K2tog) to end. [7 sts]

Row 25 P1, (P2tog) to end. [4 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Body and stuff it.

Sew the Body under the Head.

Sew a tiny royal blue felt circle at the left side of the chest and embroider two red lines across the middle (you can use a paper punch to cut the circle).

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Begin with the hands.

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [8 sts]

Work 5 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Change to Yarn D.

Row 7 Knit.

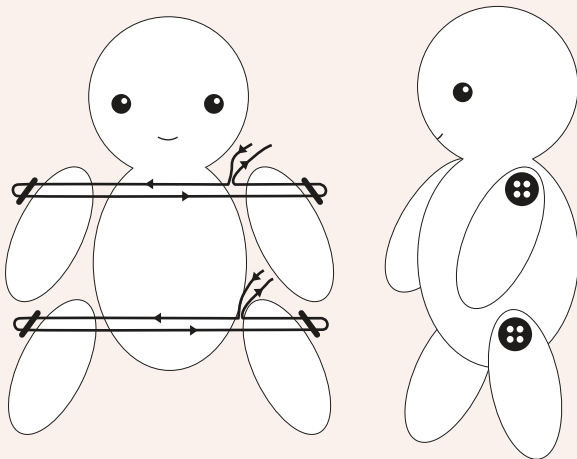
Row 8 Kfb, K6, kfb. [10 sts]

Row 9 Purl.

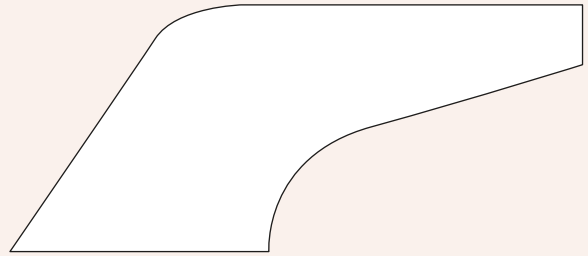
Row 10 Knit.

Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

HOW TO ATTACH THE BUTTON LIMBS



ROCKET SUPPORT TEMPLATE (CUT OUT THREE)



"The detail in this amazing Spaceman knit is incredible! From the helmet buttons to the insignia badge and the fresh pink cheeks. And who wouldn't love that cute Spacedog!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



Change to Yarn M.
Knit 4 rows.

Change to Yarn D.
Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 22 K2tog, K6, k2tog. [8 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Arms to both sides of the Body and attach them with a mother of pearl button at each one (see diagram above). Sew a tiny royal blue felt circle to the left sleeve, just below the yellow stripe and embroider two red lines across the middle.

FEET AND LEGS (MAKE 2)

Begin with the Feet.

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [16 sts]

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 6 P5, (p2tog) 3 times, P5. [13 sts]

Row 7 K5, sk2po, K5. [11 sts]

Change to Yarn D.

Row 8 Knit.

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10 Knit.

Row 11 Purl.

Work 13 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 25 K2tog, K7, k2tog. [9 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Feet at the base and the Legs into a tubular shape and stuff them just a little bit.

Attach them to both sides of the Body with a tiny mother of pearl button, using photo as a guide.

Stitch a row of small, bright buttons to the top of the helmet to create some space-age detail





Attach the spaceman's limbs using the button method seen in the diagram on page 55



If you're creating this set for young children swap all the buttons for embroidery stitches

HELMET

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [10 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [20 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb) to end. [40 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 9 K14, **cast off** 12 sts, K14.

Continue knitting each side separately.

Begin knitting the first 14 sts, leaving remaining sts on needle:

LEFT SIDE

Work 16 rows in st st, beg with a P row and knitting the first stitch of every row.

Row 26 (P2tog, P5) to end. [12 sts]

Row 27 (K2tog, K3) to last 2 sts, k2tog. [9 sts]

Cast off.

Continue knitting the last 14 sts on needle:

RIGHT SIDE

Work 7 rows in st st, beg with a P row and knitting the first stitch of every row.

Row 17 K14, **cast on** 15 sts, knit to end. [29 sts]

Work 8 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 26 P1, (p2tog, P5) to end. [25 sts]

Row 27 (K2tog, K3), to end. [20 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Helmet at back and sew a tiny popper to close it at the front.

TINY BALLS ON HELMET (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn M.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [6 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Cast off.

Sew a Ball to each side of the Helmet, using photo as a guide.

Sew four tiny buttons in different colours to the front of the Helmet to decorate it.

SPACEDOG HEAD

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [8 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Change to Yarn E.

Row 5 In Yarn E: (K1, kfb, kfb), K2B, In Yarn E: (kfb, kfb, K1). [12 sts]

Row 6 P5E, P2B, P5E. [12 sts]

Row 7 K5E, K2B, K5E. [12 sts]

Continue knitting with Yarn E only.

Row 8 P3, (kfb) 6 times, P3. [18 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 12 (P2tog, P3) to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1. [14 sts]

Row 13 Knit.

Row 14 (P2tog, P1) to last 2 sts, p2tog. [9 sts]

Row 15 Knit.

Row 16 P2tog, p2tog, P1, p2tog, p2tog. [5 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Head and stuff it.

Sew the 4mm eyes firmly in place and the 5mm nose using photo as a guide.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Knit the first and last stitch of every row.

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.

Work 7 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 8 P1, P2tog, P1. [3 sts]

Row 9 Sk2po. [1 st]

Cast off.

Sew the Ears at the top and to both sides of the Head using photo as a guide.

BODY

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (Kfb) to end. [10 sts]

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 5 Pfb, P8, pfb. [12 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 Pfb, P10, pfb. [14 sts]

Row 8 Knit.

Row 9 P2tog, P2, (kfb, K1) 3 times, P2, p2tog. [15 sts]

Row 10 Kfb, K13, kfb. [17 sts]

Row 11 (P2tog) 3 times, (pfb) 5 times, (p2tog) 3 times. [16 sts]

Row 12 Knit.

Row 13 P2tog, P12, p2tog. [14 sts]

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 16 (K2tog, K2) to last 2 sts, k2tog. [10 sts]

Row 17 Purl.

Row 18 K1, (k2tog, K1) to end. [7 sts]

Row 19 (P2tog) to last st, P1. [4 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Body and stuff it carefully.

BACK LEGS

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Work 5 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Change to Yarn F.

Knit 3 rows.

Work 5 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 14 (Kfb) to end. [10 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 18 (K2tog) to end. [5 sts].

Cast off.

Sew the Back Legs up the back seam and stuff them. Attach to Body. Embroider the paws with black thread and a tapestry needle using image as a guide.

FRONT LEGS

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Work 5 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Change to Yarn F.

Knit 3 rows.

Work 7 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Cast off.

Sew and stuff the Front Legs a little.

Sew them to the Body and embroider the paws as for the back legs.

Sew a tiny royal blue felt circle on the left sleeve and embroider with two red lines as for the Spaceman.



TAIL

The 3cm long Tail is made using a Ringbolt Hitch Viceroy knot technique in Yarn E (instructions can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2FoS8nR>). If preferred you could crochet a 3cm long chain.

COLLAR

Cast on 14 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn L.

Cast off.

Sew the Collar around the neck.

ROCKET

Cast on 56 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

Work 60 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 61 (K2tog, K5) to end. [48 sts]

Row 62 Purl.

Row 63 (K2tog, K4) to end. [40 sts]

Row 64 Purl.

Row 65 (K2tog, K3) to end. [32 sts]

Row 66 Purl.

Row 67 (K2tog, K2) to end. [24 sts]

Row 68 Purl.

Row 69 (K2tog, K1) to end. [16 sts]

Row 70 Purl.

Row 71 (K2tog) to end. [8 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Rocket along the back seam to make a tubular shape. Make a cylinder shape with cardboard, stuff the interior part and wrap a fine cape of wadding around the cardboard cylinder. Make a cone shape at the top using card or a plastic lid, wrapped in wadding again and stuff the Rocket gently.

BASE

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [10 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [20 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb) to end. [40 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 (Kfb, K1) to end. [60 sts]

Row 8 Purl.

Cast off.

Sew into a circle shape, and sew to the open end of the Rocket to form the base.

SUPPORTS (MAKE 3)

Cast on 17 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn M.

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 3 Kfb, K6, sk2po, K6, kfb.

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 Kfb, K6, sk2po, K6, kfb.

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 Kfb, K6, sk2po, K6, kfb.

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 Kfb, K6, sk2po, K6, kfb.

Row 10 Purl.

Row 11 Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [15 sts]

Row 12 P2tog, P to last 2 sts, ssp. [13 sts]

Row 13 Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [11 sts]

Row 14 P2tog, P to last 2 sts, ssp. [9 sts]

Row 15 Knit.

Row 16 P2tog, P to last 2 sts, ssp. [7 sts]

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Cast off.

Fold the piece in half so that the two side-edges meet. Cut a cardboard or plastic sheet using Support template on previous page. You can glue several cardboard pieces together to obtain more stability. Slip the cardboard or plastic legs into each support and sew the side seams together to enclose. Sew them equal distances around the Rocket Base.

TO FINISH THE SUPPORTS

Using photo as a guide, decorate the Supports as follows:

Cut 6 black felt circles 1.4cm in diameter to decorate the top part of the supports.

Cut 6 black felt circles 1cm in diameter, sew them under the previous ones.

Cut 6 black circles 0.6cm in diameter, sew them under the last ones.

GREY NOZZLE

Cast on 14 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.

Knit 3 rows.

Row 4 (Kfb) to end. [28 sts]

Knit 4 rows.

Cast off.


Sew the sides to make a cone shape and sew it at the base of the Rocket between the three yellow Supports.

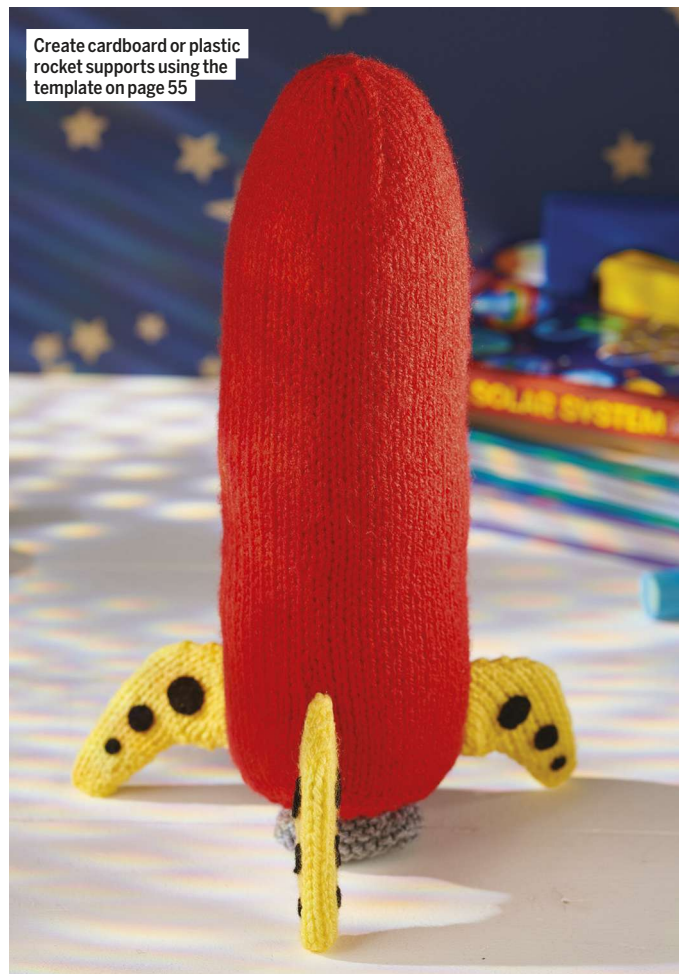
FINISHING

Using image as a guide, decorate the Rocket as follows:

Cut 5 white felt squares, 2.5x2.5cm square, and sew them at the bottom of the Rocket in a checked pattern.

Cut 3 grey felt circles, 1.8cm in diameter, and sew them to the Rocket in a row.

Cut out a tiny white number '1' in white felt, 2cm tall, and sew to the middle of the Rocket between the bottom two circles. Embroider a circle of stitches in white thread around the number '1'. 





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BALLERINAS

TINY DANCER

Send your little ballerina to dance class with their very own pirouetting friend! By **Sophie Jordan**



EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Hayfield, Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball in each:
Yarn A Pretty Pink (657)
Yarn B Chocolate (947)
Yarn C Biscuit (963)
- A pair of 3mm needles
- 2m of pale pink ribbon, 4mm wide
- Tapestry needle with large hole
- Polyester toy filling
- Sewing needle and pink thread
- 2 stitch markers

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TENSION

22 stitches and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

32cm (12½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

Shred your stuffing to make it smooth and to avoid lumps when filling your toy. Take a handful at a time and gently pull it apart to separate all of the fibres. Use the stopper end of a knitting needle to push stuffing into awkward spots.



"I love the way little girls skip their way into dance class, all kitted out in soft pinks, so I thought I'd design a dancing friend for those who are a little shy about performing..."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DESIGNER



BALLERINA LEGS, BODY AND HEAD (FRONT) LEGS

*Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 Ktbl to end.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. [8 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st for 7 rows.

Change to Yarn C.

Starting with a knit row, st st 38 rows. **

Break yarn and push stitches to the end of the needle.

Repeat from * to **.

BODY

Break Yarn C and join in Yarn A.

Next row Knit across all the stitches on the needle securing the loose yarn in the middle.

Next row Purl.

Next row Kfb, knit to last stitch, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

Next row Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows until 26 sts rem.

Starting with a purl row, st st for 13 rows.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog.

[2 sts dec'd]

Next row Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows until 18 sts rem.

Next row Purl.

HEAD

Change to Yarn C

Next row K2tog, K to last two stitches, k2tog.

[2 sts dec'd]

Next row Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows until 12 sts rem.

Beginning with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Next row Kfb, knit to last stitch, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

Repeat last two rows until 24 sts rem.

Starting with a purl row, st st 5 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

[2 sts dec'd]

Next row Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows until 8 sts rem.

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

LEGS, BODY & HEAD (BACK) LEGS

***Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 Ktbl to end.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. [8 sts]
Starting with a purl row, continue in st st for 15 more rows.

Break Yarn A and join in Yarn C.
Cont in st st for 30 rows starting with a knit row. ****
Break yarn and push stitches to the back of your needles.
Repeat from *** to ****.

BODY

Break Yarn C and join in Yarn A.
Next row Knit across all the sts on the needle securing the loose yarn in the middle. [16 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row Kfb, knit to last stitch, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]
Next row Purl
Repeat last 2 rows until there are 26 sts.

Starting with a purl row, st st 13 rows.
Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog.
[2 sts dec'd]
Next row Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows until 18 sts rem.
Next row Purl.

HEAD

Change to Yarn B and PM at each end of the row.
Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]
Next row Purl.
Repeat last 2 rows until 12 sts rem.
Beginning with purl row st st 3 rows.
Next row Kfb, knit to last stitch, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]
Repeat last 2 rows until there are 24 sts.

Starting with a purl row st st 5 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 stitches, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]
Next row Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows until 8 sts rem.
Next row Purl.
Cast off.

ADDING THE ARMS

Holding the Legs, Body and Head (Front) RS facing, and starting on the left side, count 6 rows up from the end of the Yarn A Leotard towards the neck, starting from here and working downwards pick up and knit 8 stitches.
Starting with a purl row, st st 31 rows.
Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]
Next row Purl.
Cast off.

With RS facing, count 8 rows down RH side (3 rows into pink leotard) from bottom of head, pick up and knit 8 sts.
Beg with a purl row, st st 31 rows.
Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]
Next row Purl.
Cast off.

Repeat to add the arms on the Legs, Body and Head (Back).

MAKING UP

With right sides facing inwards, sew the Legs, Body and Head (Back) and Legs, Body and Head (Front) together around the

Thread thin ribbons through the legs and wrap them around in a criss-cross pattern



outside edge, colour matching the yarn as you work and leaving a gap for turning. Turn RS out (this can be tricky, use a knitting needle end to carefully push the arms and legs through. Fill with toy filling, it's important not to overstuff, if you do you might distort the shape of the doll.

TUTU

Cast on 208 stitches in Yarn A.
Row 1 K2tog to end. [104 sts]
Row 2 P2tog to end. [52 sts]
Row 3 Knit.
Row 4 Purl.
Repeat Rows 3 and 4, four more times.
Cast off knitwise. Sew seam of tutu at the back using Yarn A. Sew the Tutu around the Ballerina's tummy using Yarn A.

BALLET SHOE RIBBONS

Cut a 40cm length of 4mm wide pale pink ribbon. Thread the ribbon onto a tapestry needle and push the needle through the shoe section from side to side (where the pink section finishes). Do not pull the ribbon all the way through. Use a sewing needle and thread to secure the ribbon in place like laces. Wrap the ribbon around the doll's ankles and tie into a bow.

TUTU STRAPS

Thread 20cm of Yarn A yarn onto a tapestry needle. Push through the top of the leotard from back to front at the shoulder. Unthread the yarn and tie the beginning and end of the yarn together securely to create a strap. Trim the excess length and push the knot into the ballerina's body at the point of exit.

HAIR

Cut a 20cm length of Yarn B, double it over and thread the loop halfway through a tapestry needle. Insert the needle into the centre-top ridge of the Ballerina's Head, pull the needle through allowing the loop to come out the other side. Unthread the loop from the needle. Thread the ends through the loop and pull tight to head. Repeat with more lengths of Yarn B working along the ridge down to ear height on both sides. Create a fringe by repeating the process with slightly shorter lengths of Yarn B yarn and working across the top of the forehead, keeping as close to the ridge as possible. Trim hair to your chosen length, using the picture as a guide. Plait the side sections and tie with thin pink ribbon. 🧶

SPOTS & CROSSES

Have fun indoors or outdoors with this quick-to-pack-away game that everyone can play! By **Ann Franklin**





EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Paintbox Yarns, Cotton DK (100% cotton, 50g/125m)
1 ball in each:
 - Yarn A** Stormy Grey (405)
 - Yarn B** Mustard Yellow (424)
 - Yarn C** Pillar Red (415)
 - Yarn D** Pure Black (402)
 - A pair of 4mm & 3mm needles
 - 45 buttons, 1cm in diameter
 - Black and grey sewing thread
 - Toy stuffing, 30g
- For yarn contact LoveCrafts**
www.lovecrafts.com

TENSION

24 sts and 42 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over garter stitch
using 4mm needles

24 sts and 32 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking
stitch using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Board 25x25cm (9.8x9.8in)
Ladybirds 6.5cm long x 4cm wide
(2½in long x 1½in wide)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

**LADYBIRD GAME**

Note This pattern is a fairly simple make, with buttons used to add the Ladybirds' spots. If preferred, the spots can be made in French knots using Yarn D. The playing board is made in nine separate squares worked diagonally and sewn together.

PLAYING BOARD SQUARES (MAKE 9)

Cast on 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K1. [3 sts]

Row 2 Kfb, knit to end. [4 sts]

Repeat Row 2 until 24 sts are on the needle.

Row 22 K1, k2tog, knit to end. [23 sts]

Repeat Row 22 until 3 sts are on the needle.

Next row Sl 1, k2tog, pssso to fasten off.

LADYBIRDS (MAKE 5 IN YARN B AND 5 IN YARN C)

Cast on 7 sts using 3mm needles and either Yarn B or Yarn C.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 Kfb to the end of the row. [14 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 *Kfb, K1; repeat from * to the end of the row. [21 sts]

Row 5 P10, K1, P10.

Row 6 K10, P1, K10.

Repeat Rows 5 and 6 four times more, then Row 5 once.

Break off Yarn B or C and join in Yarn D.

Row 16 Knit.

Beginning with a purl row, st st 5 rows.

Row 22 *K1, K2tog; repeat from * to the end of the row. [14 sts]

Row 23 Purl.

Row 24 *K2tog; repeat from * to the end of the row. [7 sts]

Break yarn, thread through rem sts and fasten off.

FINISHING

1 Sew the squares of the Playing Board together making a 3x3 square. Rotate each alternate square so that the garter stitch rows are facing in opposite directions.

2 Using 2x2.5m lengths of yarn for each twisted cord, make 2 cords in Yarn B and 2 in Yarn C in the following way: holding the 2 lengths together, fold them in half and hook the centre loop over a door handle. Twist the yarn in one direction until the yarn is twisted

tightly. Fold the yarns in half again, allowing each half to twist together with the other half. Tie the yarns together at the end and cut the cord from the door handle.

3 Neaten the tassel at the end of the knot, then use matching sewing thread to sew the twisted cords to the boards to mark out the different squares.

4 Once you have sewn the cords to the Board, tie a knot where the cord meets the end of the Playing Board, then trim the ends to make a tassel to match the knotted ends.

5 Sew the main seam of the Ladybirds, leaving a small gap for turning and stuffing. Turn and stuff the Ladybirds, then close the gap in the seam, including drawing the cast-on edge into a closed circle.

6 Using black sewing thread, sew 4 buttons to the back of each of the yellow Ladybirds in a round shape; and 5 buttons to the back of each red Ladybird in a cross shape. 🧵



Don't have black buttons?
Substitute French knots for
the buttons instead for an
equally good finish

BEASTLY BEAR

Knit a fun gift that gives scarily good cuddles and isn't really beastly at all. (Well, maybe just a little bit...) by **Monica Furtés**





EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball of each:
- Yarn A** Lemongrass (699)
- Yarn B** Cupid (944)
- Yarn C** White (961)
- Yarn D** Bright Lemon (819)
- A pair of 3mm needles
- Stitch holder
- 2 black glass eyes, 9mm diameter
- 1 tiny red button
- Thin red ric rac, 11cm length
- Navy blue ric rac, 6cm length
- 5cm square of white felt
- 2 green buttons, 1cm diameter
- Tapestry needle
- Toy filling
- Pompom maker or cardboard circles, 2cm diameter

For yarn stockists contact Sirdar at www.sirdar.com

TENSION

25 sts and 33 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

32cm tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

This fun monster bear would make a great gift for Halloween. With his cosy scarf and friendly smile, he's not too scary, either! Position the ric rac carefully to get the smile just right.

BEASTLY BEAR
HEAD & BODY (MAKE 1)

Note Begin at the Head.

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [16 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [32 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 *K3, kfb; rep from * to end. [40 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 *K4, kfb; rep from * to end. [48 sts]

Rows 9 to 11 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 12 *Kfb, K5; rep from * to end. [56 sts]

Rows 13 to 15 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 16 *Kfb, K6; rep from * to end. [64 sts]

Rows 17 to 28 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 29 *P2tog, P6; rep from * to end. [56 sts]

Rows 30 to 35 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 36 *K2tog, K5; rep from * to end. [48 sts]

Rows 37 to 43 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 44 *Kfb, K5; rep from * to end. [56 sts]

Rows 45 to 47 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 48 *Kfb, K6; rep from * to end. [64 sts]

Rows 49 to 51 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 52 *Kfb, K7; rep from * to end. [72 sts]

Rows 53 to 72 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 73 P3, kfb, P5, kfb, P5, kfb, P40, kfb, P5, kfb, P5, kfb, P3. [78 sts]

Rows 74 to 83 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 84 K3, k2tog, K5, k2tog, K5, k2tog, K40, k2tog, K5, k2tog, K5,

k2tog, K3. [72 sts]

Rows 85 to 86 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 87 P36, turn, leaving rem 36 sts on hold for second leg. Continue on 36 sts attached to working yarn.

****Rows 88 to 94** Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 95 P2tog, P32, p2tog. [34 sts]

Rows 96 to 100 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 101 P2tog, P30, p2tog. [32 sts]

Rows 102 to 106 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 107 P2tog, P28, p2tog. [30 sts]

Rows 108 to 117 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Cast off.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to held 36 sts for second leg and complete from **.

FEET (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [8 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [16 sts]

Row 4 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end. [24 sts]

Cast off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 18 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 5 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 6 Kfb, P16, kfb. [20 sts]

Rows 7 to 11 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 12 Kfb, P18, kfb. [22 sts]

Rows 13 to 17 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 18 Kfb, P20, kfb. [24 sts]

Rows 19 to 23 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 24 Kfb, P22, kfb. [26 sts]
Rows 25 to 32 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 33 K10, K5, turn and work on these 5 sts only, leaving rem sets of 10 and 11 sts on needle.
Row 34 P5, turn.
Row 35 K5, turn.
Row 36 P5, turn.
Row 37 K2tog, K1, k2tog. [3 sts]
Cast off these 3 sts. Break yarn.

With WS facing, rejoin yarn to work across all held 21 sts.

Row 32 Purl.
Row 33 K9, k2tog, K10. [20 sts]
Row 34 Purl.
Row 35 K2tog, K7, k2tog, K7, k2tog. [17 sts]
Row 36 Purl.
Row 37 K2tog, K5, sk2po, K5, k2tog. [13 sts]
Cast off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.
Rows 1 to 3 Knit.
Row 4 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [14 sts]
Rows 5 to 6 Knit.
Row 7 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end. [21 sts]
Rows 8 to 9 Knit.
Row 10 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to last st, kfb. [32 sts]
Cast off.

SCARF (MAKE 1)

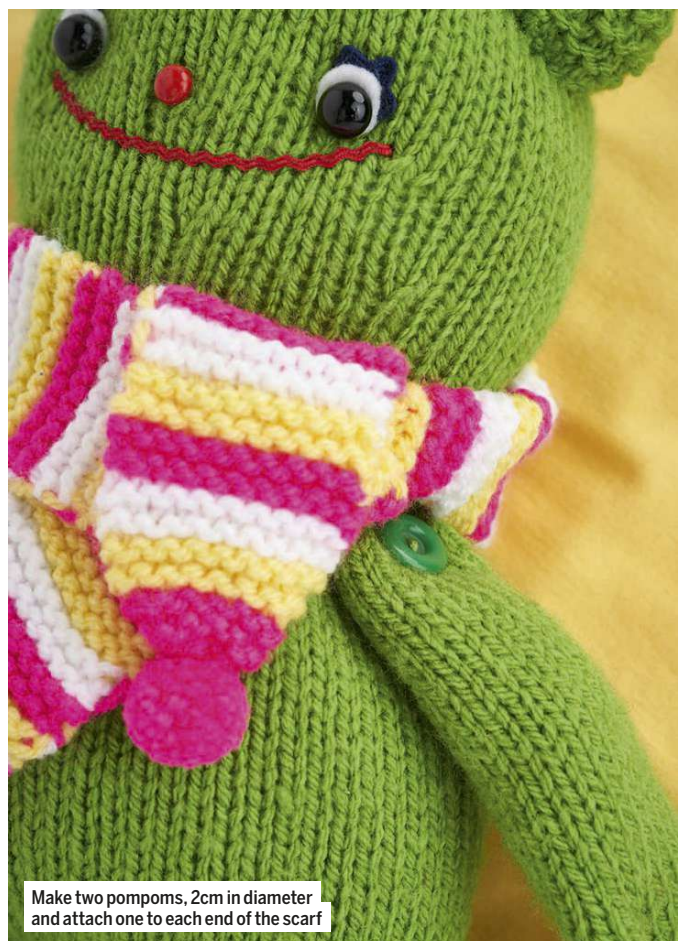
Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.
Rows 1 to 4 Knit.
 Change to Yarn C.
Rows 5 to 8 Knit.
 Change to Yarn D.
Rows 9 to 12 Knit.
 Rep these 12 rows until Scarf measures 52cm.
Cast off.

FINISHING

- 1 Join the Head, Body and Leg seams. Stuff. Attach navy blue ric rac for the eyelashes and red ric rac for the mouth.
- 2 Cut 2 circles 1.3cm diameter from white felt, attach safety eyes through felt circles and onto Head. Sew on a tiny red button for the nose.
- 3 Join row edges of Foot to form a circle and sew circle to base of Leg. Repeat for second leg.
- 4 Join row edges of Arms to form a tube and stuff lightly. Attach an Arm to each side of the Body under the Head, using a green button.
- 5 Join the row edges of the Ears to form a cone shape and stuff. Attach the Ears to the top of the Head.
- 6 Using Yarn B, make two pompoms 2cm diameter and attach one to each end of the Scarf. Wrap the Scarf around the Monster's neck and secure with stitches if desired. Weave in ends. 🐾



The arms are knitted flat and seamed at the row ends, then attached to the body once it has been stuffed



Make two pompoms, 2cm in diameter and attach one to each end of the scarf

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Enjoy a wealth of detail in **Monica Fuertes'** vintage-inspired knit, as you cast on Benny Bear with his homely caravan and trusty red car





EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball in each:
- Yarn A** Aran (993)
- Yarn B** Ladybird (698)
- Yarn C** Emerald (916)
- Yarn D** White (961)
- Yarn E** Black (965)
- Yarn F** Bright Lemon (819)
- Yarn G** Ice Blue (730)
- Yarn H** Walnut (927)

- Yarn J** Azure (824)
- Yarn K** Iced Pink (958)
- A pair of 3mm needles
- Toy stuffing, 15g
- Invisible/nylon thread

For the Bear

- 2 black glass eyes, 5mm diameter
- 1 black glass eye (for the nose), 4mm diameter
- 4 white/mother-of-pearl buttons, 9mm diameter
- 4 red buttons, 5mm diameter
- Extra small pompom maker (or card)

For the Car

- 1 red button, 6mm diameter
- 8 yellow buttons, 5mm diameter
- 1 heart button, 6mm diameter
- Floristry wire, 10cm
- Metal ring, 15cm diameter
- 4 metal sewing machine spools
- 2 hollow lollipop sticks
- 2 sequins
- Plastic sheeting/cardboard:
 - 1 piece 11.2x4.5cm
 - 1 piece 4.5x3.7cm
 - 1 piece 4.4x3.8cm
 - 2 pieces 7.5x4.2cm
 - 2 pieces 12.5x1.4cm
 - 3 pieces 4.5x4cm

- Two circles of clear plastic for headlights, 15mm diameter

For the Caravan

- 4 metal sewing machine spools
- Yellow ric rac, 10cm
- Red gingham fabric, 7x5cm
- 2 hollow lollipop sticks
- 10cm ribbon, 7mm wide
- Plastic sheeting/cardboard:
 - 1 piece 18x6cm
 - 1 piece 22.5x5cm
 - 2 pieces 9x5cm
 - 2 pieces 8x4.8cm
 - 4 pieces 3.8x1cm

For yarn stockists contact Sirdar at www.sirdar.com

VINTAGE PLAYSET

Note Due to the inclusion of small parts, this playset is not suitable for children under three years of age.

BEAR HEAD AND MUZZLE

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [8 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st beg with a purl row.

Row 5 K2, (kfb) 4 times, K2. [12 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 K2 (kfb, K1) 4 times, K2. [16 sts]

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 K4 (kfb) 8 times, K4. [24 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work 8 rows in st st.

Row 18 *P2tog, P2; rep from * to end. [18 sts]

Row 19 Knit.

Row 20 *P2tog, P1; rep from * to end. [12 sts]

Row 21 Knit.

Row 22 *P2tog; rep from * to end. [6 sts]

Cast off.

MAKING THE HEAD

Sew the seam at the back of the Head and stuff carefully, shaping as you go. Attach the eyes and the nose firmly. Embroider cheeks with Yarn K. (Please refer to picture for guidance.)

BODY

Beg at the base, **cast on** 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [10 sts]

Row 2 *Kfb, P1; rep from * to end. [15 sts]

Row 3 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to last st, kfb. [23 sts]

Row 4 Kfb, P21, kfb. [25 sts]

Beg with a knit row, work 6 rows in st st.

Change to Yarn A.

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 *P2tog, P4; rep from * to last st, P1. [21 sts]

Row 13 Knit.

Row 14 *P2tog, P3; rep from * to last st, P1. [17 sts]

Beg with a knit row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 18 *P2tog, P1; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2tog. [11 sts]

Row 19 Knit.

Row 20 P2tog, P7, p2tog. [9 sts]

Cast off.

MAKING THE BODY

Seam the Body and carefully stuff, sewing the Head in place. (Refer to picture for guidance.)

DUNGAREES BIB

Cast on 7 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

Beg with a knit row, work 4 rows in st st.

Row 5 K2, **cast off** 3 sts, K2.

For straps work first 2 and last 2 sts separately in garter st for 28 rows.

ATTACHING BIB TO BODY

Sew two tiny red buttons to each end of the strap and attach bib and strap to the Body at the yarn colour change.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.



TENSION

25 sts and 33 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4 in) over stocking stitch using 3mm needles

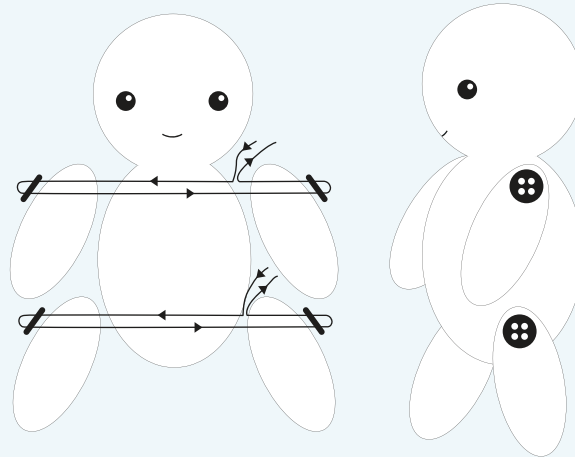
MEASUREMENTS

Bear 13.8cm (5½in) height
Car 14cm (5½in) length; 8cm (3¼in) height; 9cm (3½in) width
Caravan 14cm (5½in) length; 11cm (4¼in) height; 8cm (3¼in) width

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

HOW TO ATTACH THE BUTTON LIMBS



Cross the blue dungarees straps at the back and secure with a red button

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [8 sts]
 Work 13 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.
Row 15 K2tog, K4, k2tog. [6 sts]
Cast off.

ATTACHING ARMS

Place the row ends together and sew the Arm seams, leaving a small gap. Using the filling sparingly stuff each Arm carefully and close the seam. Attach the Arms to Body sides. Sew a white or Mother of Pearl button to the top of each Arm. See diagram above for how to add the Bear's Arms to the body.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) *Kfb rep from * to end. [6 sts]

Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 Kfb, K4, kfb. [8 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [4 sts]
Cast off.

ATTACHING EARS

Sew Ears to Head, using picture for guidance on positioning.

FEET AND LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [14 sts]
 Beg with a purl row, work 3 rows in st st.
Row 5 K4, (k2tog) 3 times, K4. [11 sts]
Row 7 P4, sk2po, P4. [9 sts]
 Beg with a knit row, work 8 rows in st st.
 Change to Yarn G.
 Beg with a knit row, work 5 rows in st st.
Cast off.

MAKING UP LEGS AND FEET

Place row ends together and sew, leaving a small gap. Using the filling sparingly, stuff and close the seam. Attach Feet and Legs to both sides of the Body adding the white/Mother of Pearl buttons, as with the Arms.

TAIL

Using Yarn A make a small pompom and attach to Body.

**CAR
 CAR BASE (MAKE 2)**

Cast on 30 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.
 Work 15 rows in st st, beg with a knit row.
Cast off.

REINFORCING BASE

Using the plastic sheet/cardboard piece measuring 11.2x4.5cm, position the two red pieces, just worked, either side and sew around the perimeter. Sew red button to base, approx 1.5cm from back edge, for attaching Caravan by its ribbon loop.

CAR DOORS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 20 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.
 Work 15 rows in st st beg with a knit row. **Cast off.**



REINFORCING DOORS

Using the plastic sheet/cardboard pieces measuring 7.5x4.2cm, position the two knitted pieces just worked either side of each. Sew around the perimeter.

BACK REST AND DASHBOARD (MAKE 4)

Cast on 14 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Beg with a knit row, work 13 rows in st st.

Cast off.

REINFORCING BACK REST

Using the plastic sheet/cardboard measuring 4.5x4cm, position two of the knitted pieces just worked either side of each and sew around the perimeter, leaving a small gap to add filling. Stuff lightly and close gap. Sew the 8 yellow buttons to the back rest in a regimental pattern to depict the seat's button-back, sewing through the stuffing and plastic sheet/cardboard to create a padded effect.

REINFORCING DASHBOARD

Sew together the remaining pieces, placing the plastic sheet/cardboard in between. This piece will be positioned vertically from the base of the car.

BONNET TOP SECTION

Note Placed horizontally. Steering wheel is attached to this part.

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Beg with a knit row, work 22 rows in st st.

Cast off.

REINFORCING BONNET

Fold the knitted piece in half and position the 4.5x3.7cm plastic sheet/cardboard in the middle. Sew around the perimeter.

CONSTRUCTING STEERING WHEEL

Wrap Yarn J around the metal ring, until completely covered. Apply glue to secure. Place two 4cm lengths of Yarn J across the covered ring and fold the wire across these. Insert the wire through the

bonnet, securing at the back with a couple of stitches. Cover the wire with Yarn E for the steering column.

MUDGUARDS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 33 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

(RS) Beg with a knit row, work 9 rows in st st.

Cast off.

REINFORCING MUDGUARDS

Fold each Mudguard in half lengthways, and position the 12.5x1.4cm plastic sheet/cardboard piece in the middle. Sew around the perimeter. Using the picture to guide, bend the Mudguards into shape and sew under doors and over wheels.

RADIATOR GRILLE

Cast on 11 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K9, kfb. [13 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, K11, kfb. [15 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 7 K1, k2tog, K9, k2tog, K1. [13 sts]

Row 8 P1, p2tog, P7, p2tog, P1. [11 sts]

Row 9 K1, k2tog, K5, k2tog, K1. [9 sts]

Row 10 P1, p2tog, P3, p2tog, P1. [7 sts]

Row 11 K1, k2tog, K1, k2tog, K1. [5 sts]

Cast off the remaining 5 sts.

BONNET BOTTOM SECTION

Note The headlights are attached to this section.

Cast on 22 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Beg with a knit row, work 4 rows in st st.

Row 5 Kfb, K4, kfb, K10, kfb, K4, kfb. [26 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 9 K6, kfb, K12, kfb, K6. [28 sts]

Work 4 rows in st st beg with a purl row. **Cast off.**

MAKING UP THE CAR BONNET

The cast-on edge is placed to the front. This piece is stuffed and joined to the Radiator Grille, in front of the steering wheel base.

WINDSCREEN

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.
 Beg with a knit row, work 7 rows in st st.
Cast off.

REINFORCING AND ATTACHING THE WINDSCREEN

Fold the yellow piece just knitted over and sew to one of the longer sides of the 4.4x3.8cm plastic sheet/cardboard. Sew to Car Bonnet, using picture as a guide. Sew a long stitch using Yarn F around the Windscreen, stitching into the corners.

HEADLIGHTS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.
Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [6 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end. [9 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Cast off.

ATTACHING HEADLIGHTS

Roll into a cone shape and sew row edges together. Place a sequin into each cone. A small circle of transparent plastic can be used to complete the headlight.

CAR SUN HOOD

Cast on 37 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.
 Work 3 rows in garter st.
 Work 18 rows in st st beg with a purl row.
Cast off.

ATTACHING THE CAR SUN HOOD

Pleat knitted piece and position around car body, use picture as a guide. Sew into place, securing the pleats with a few extra stitches.

WHEELS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.
Row 1 (WS) Purl.
Row 2 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [12 sts]
Row 3 Purl.
Row 4 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [24 sts]
Row 5 Purl.
Row 6 *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end. [36 sts]



Change to Yarn E
 Beg with a purl row, work 3 rows in st st.
 Change to Yarn D.
Row 10 Knit.
Row 11 *P2tog, P1; rep from * to end. [24 sts]
Row 12 Knit.
Row 13 *P2tog; rep from * to end. [12 sts]
Row 14 Knit.
Row 15 *P2tog; rep from * to end. [6 sts]
Cast off.

MAKING THE WHEELS

The Wheels are sewn around the metal spools. Join row ends and stuff. Attach the Wheels using the hollow lollipop sticks and invisible thread. Passing the thread from the Wheels through the sticks and joining to the opposite Wheel.

CARAVAN CARAVAN ROOF

Cast on 21 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.
 Work 55 rows in garter st.
Cast off.

REINFORCING ROOF

Sew to the plastic sheet/cardboard measuring 18x6cm. This will be sewn to the body of the Caravan.

SIDE OF CARAVAN WITHOUT WINDOW

Cast on 20 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.
 Work 17 rows in st st beg with a knit row.
Cast off.

REINFORCING SIDE OF CARAVAN

Sew onto the plastic sheet/cardboard measuring 9x5cm, stitching into the corners.

SIDE OF CARAVAN WITH WINDOW

Cast on 20 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Beg with a knit row, work 7 rows in st st.

Row 8 P5, **cast off** 10 sts, P5. Working each side set of 5 sts separately:

Work 8 rows in st st beg with a knit row.

Row 17 K5, **cast on** 10 sts, K5. [20 sts]

Work 2 rows in st st beg with a purl row.

Cast off.

REINFORCING SIDE OF CARAVAN

Using the second plastic sheet/cardboard measuring 9x5cm, cut a window to correspond to the aperture in the knitting just worked. Sew the knitted piece to the plastic sheet/cardboard and glue a curtain to the window, using the gingham fabric.

WINDOW FRAME

Cast on 39 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn H.

Cast off.

ATTACHING WINDOW FRAME

Ease and sew this piece all around the window.

FRONT AND BACK OF CARAVAN (MAKE 2)

Cast on 11 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Beg with a knit row, work 17 rows in st st.

Row 18 P2tog, P7, p2tog. [9 sts]

Row 19 Knit.

Row 20 P2tog, P5, p2tog. [7 sts]

Row 21 Knit.

Row 22 P2tog, P3, p2tog. [5 sts]

Row 23 Knit.

Cast off.

REINFORCING FRONT AND BACK OF CARAVAN

Using the two plastic sheet/cardboard pieces measuring 8x4.8cm, back each piece just worked.

FINISHING DOOR WITH FRAME

Cast on 40 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn H.

Cast off.

Sew this to the front piece of the Caravan, arching the frame at the top.

CARAVAN FLOOR

Cast on 11 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn H.

Beg with a knit row, work 90 rows in st st.

Cast off.

REINFORCING FLOOR

Fold this piece around the plastic sheet/cardboard measuring 22.5x5cm. Sew into position.

FENCE POSTS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.

Beg with a knit row, work 10 rows in st st.

Continue, working the first 3 sts only:

Row 11 Sk2po. [1 st]

Cut the yarn leaving a strand for sewing and fasten off.

Return to the rem 3 sts.

Row 11 Sk2po. [1 st]

Fasten off.

REINFORCING FENCE POSTS

Using the plastic sheet/cardboard pieces measuring 3.8x1cm, cover each with the pieces last worked. Sew two Fence Posts at each side of the door, using the picture to guide positioning. Sew ricrac along the middle of the Fence Posts.

CARAVAN WHEELS

Make as for Wheels in the Car section. Use Yarn B throughout.

FINISHING

Darn in all yarn ends. Using the picture as a guide, assemble all parts. Refer to manufacturer's instructions for yarn care. 🧶



Gingham curtains and a simple picket fence add lovely quaint touches to the caravan



FUN TOY TO
KNIT FOR
A FRIEND WHO
LOVES TENNIS

BORIS THE PIGEON

It's bound to be love all with this feathered cutie. With racket under wing, he's ready to play. By **Angela Turner**

* BORIS THE PIGEON



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic, 295m/100g)
1 ball in each:
Yarn A Cloud Blue (1019)
Yarn B White (1001)
Yarn C Violet (1277)
Yarn D Grey (1099)
Yarn E Silver (1203)
Yarn F Lipstick (1243)
Yarn G Black (1002)
Yarn H Cream (1005)
Yarn I Lemon (1020)
- A pair of 3mm needles
- Polyester toy filling
- 2 x 7mm toy eyes (orange)
- 5cm square white felt

- 2 x 18cm pipe cleaners
- 3 x small blue seed beads for buttons

For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft at www.stylecraft-yarn.co.uk or 01484 848435

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm or 4in square in st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Pigeon measures about 21cm (8¼in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

It's game, set and match to Boris the Pigeon as he wings his way into lawn tennis' biggest Gram Slam fortnight – and our hearts. With limbs strengthened by pipe cleaners, he is fully posable and freestanding and ready for action! The tail feathers are knitted individually and sewn on. Use pins to help you position them as you want them before sewing on securely.



Under his right wing, Boris has two knitted tennis balls, ready for his ace serve

PIGEON BODY

Begin at base using Yarn A and cast on 16 sts.

- Row 1** Purl.
- Row 2** Inc in every st. [32 sts]
- Row 3** Purl. **Cast on** 6 sts. [38 sts]
- Row 4** K6, (k1, inc in next st) to end. **Cast on** 6 sts. [60 sts]
- Row 5** Purl. **Cast on** 6 sts. [66 sts]
- Row 6** Knit. **Cast on** 6 sts. [72 sts]
- Row 7** Purl.
- Row 8** Inc in first st, K23, (inc in next st, K2) x 8, K23, inc. [82 sts]
- Row 9** Purl.
- Row 10** K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [80 sts]
- Row 11** Purl.

- Row 12** K2tog, K23, (inc in next st, K3) x 8, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [86 sts]
- Row 13** Purl.
- Row 14** **Cast off** 2 sts, knit to end. [84 sts]
- Row 15** **Cast off** 2 sts, purl to end. [82 sts]
- Row 16** **Cast off** 2 sts, K25, (inc in next st, K4) x 5, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [85 sts]
- Row 17** **Cast off** 2 sts, purl to end. [83 sts]
- Row 18** **Cast off** 3 sts, knit to end. [80 sts]
- Row 19** **Cast off** 3 sts, purl to end. [77 sts]
- Change to Yarn B.
- Row 20** **Cast off** 3 sts, K20, (inc in next st, K5) x 5, knit to end. [79 sts]
- Row 21** **Cast off** 3 sts, purl to end. [76 sts]
- Row 22** **Cast off** 3 sts, knit to end. [73 sts]
- Row 23** **Cast off** 3 sts, purl to end. [70 sts]
- Rep last 2 rows again. [64 sts]
- Row 26** **Cast off** 3 sts, K12, (inc in next st, K6) x 5, knit to end. [66 sts]
- Row 27** **Cast off** 3 sts, purl to end. [63 sts]
- Next row** K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [61 sts]
- Next row** Purl.
- Rep last 2 rows till 55 sts rem.
- Next row** (K2tog, K9) to end. [50 sts]
- Starting with a purl row, work 5 rows st st.
- Next row** (K2tog, K8) to end. [45 sts]
- Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st st.
- Next row** (K2tog, K7) to end. [40 sts]
- Next row** Purl.
- Next row** (K2tog, K6) to end. [35 sts]
- Change to Yarn C.
- Next row** Purl.
- Next row** (K2tog, K5) to end. [30 sts]
- Next row** Purl.
- Next row** (K2tog, K4) to end. [25 sts]
- Change to Yarn D.
- Starting with a purl row, work 15 rows st st.
- Next row** (K2tog, k3) to end. [20 sts]
- Next row** Purl.
- Next row** (K2tog, K2) to end. [15 sts]
- Next row** Purl.
- Next row** (K2tog, K1) to end. [10 sts]
- Next row** P2tog to end. 5 sts.

Cut yarn and thread through.

Pull up tightly and sew head and neck seam. Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Sew rem seam to tip of tail then sew back of pigeon, leaving a 5cm gap. Turn right side out then stuff with filling, a little at a time (note: you may have to add some more filling after eyes have been inserted).

BEAK

Using Yarn E, **cast on** 2 sts.

First row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to end. [3 sts]

Next row Inc in first st, purl to end. [4 sts]

Rep last 2 rows again. [6 sts]

Cast off.

Fold beak in half with reverse st st to front then sew seam. Pull yarn through sewn sts then pull gently to curve beak downwards slightly. Pin beak in position at front of head, starting about 6 rows up from Yarn C neck colour. Sew cast off edge of beak to head securely.

Use a length of white yarn to work 2 small straight sts on top of beak. Cut 2 x 13mm circles of white felt and cut a tiny cross in the centre of each circle with sharp scissors. Sew to sides of head just above level of beak with about 5 sts between them. Press shaft of toy eyes into the centre crosses of each eye then push through head and secure at the back. Add more stuffing to head and neck. Sew rem seam.

HEADBAND

Using Yarn F, **cast on** 5 sts.

Knit 46 rows.

Cast off.

Fold headband in half lengthways and sew seam. Sew cast on sts to cast off sts and place on top of head so that headband just touches whites of eyes and slants backwards slightly towards the back.

Sew in place securely.

POLO SHIRT BUTTON BAND

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 8 sts.

St st 2 rows.

Cast off.

Place at front of shirt with top finishing at violet neck colour.

Sew in place securely.

Add 3 small seed beads for buttons.

COLLAR

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 42 sts.

St st 2 rows.

Next row (K4, k2tog) to end. [35 sts]

Cast off.

Place around neck where violet neck starts, leaving a small gap at the front. Sew in place securely.

BASE BAND

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 78 sts.

Cast off.

Place at base of shirt all the way around pigeon and sew securely.

POCKET

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 4 sts.

First row Knit.

Change to Yarn A.

Next row Purl.

Change to Yarn B.

St st 2 rows.

Next row K2tog twice. [2 sts]

Next row Purl.

Boris' tail feathers are knitted up individually and then layered and stitched to his bottom



Cast off.

Sew pocket to side of button band securely. Tie in all loose ends.

TAIL FEATHERS (MAKE 5)

Using Yarn G, **cast on** 6 sts.

First row K1, P1 to end.

Next row K1, P1 to end.

These 2 rows set rib.

Next row Inc in first st, rib to last st, inc.

[8 sts]

Next row Rib to end.

Next row Inc in first st, rib to last st, inc.

[10 sts]

Work 7 rows in rib.

Next row K2tog, rib to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Work 5 rows in rib.

Next row K2tog, rib to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Work 5 rows in rib.

Next row K2tog, rib to last 2 sts, k2tog. [4 sts]

Work 3 rows in rib.

Next row K2tog twice. [2 sts]

Work 3 rows in rib.

Next row K2tog.

Cut yarn and thread through.

Place a tail feather along one side of pigeon with the tip of the tail feather just past the end of the pigeon and pin in place. Put another on the opposite side in the same way. Pin a third in the centre of the back of the pigeon again with the tip just past the end. Sew all 3 in place. Pin the other 2 feathers on top of these, in between the 3 that have been sewn. Sew these in place securely. Ensure all ends are tied in.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn E, **cast on** 8 sts.

First row K1, P1 to end.

Next row Inc in every st. [16 sts]

Next row P1, K1 to end.

Next row P1, K1 to end.

These 2 rows set rib.

Next row Inc in first st, rib to last st, inc.

[18 sts]



The mesh in the tennis racquet is made using a simple stitch pattern in cream yarn

Work 3 rows rib.

Next row Inc in first st, rib to last st, inc. [20 sts]

Work 5 rows rib.

Next row Rib 2tog, rib to last 2 sts, rib 2tog. [18 sts]

Work 3 rows rib.

Change to Yarn G.

Work 2 rows rib.

Change to Yarn E.

Work 2 rows rib.

Change to Yarn G.

Work 2 rows rib.

Change to Yarn E.

Next row Rib 2tog, rib to last 2 sts, rib 2tog. [16 sts]

Work 3 rows rib.

Next row Rib 2tog, rib to last 2 sts, rib 2tog. [14 sts]

Work 3 rows rib.

Next row Rib 2tog, rib to last 2 sts, rib 2tog. [12 sts]

Next row Rib to end.

Rep last 2 rows till 2 sts rem.

Cast off.

Pin one wing at an angle at one side of pigeon with the top front starting about 8 rows below the top of the shirt and the tip placed on top of the tail feathers. Sew cast on edge and sew tip. Curve the wing so that the top of the feather sits out from the body. Rep with the second wing. Ensure all ends are tied in.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn E, **cast on** 8 sts.

Work 6 rows st st.

Cast off.

LARGE TOES (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn E, **cast on** 8 sts.

Work 4 rows st st.

Cast off.

SMALL TOES (MAKE 4)

Using Yarn E, **cast on** 4 sts.

Work 4 rows st st.

Cast off.

Cut a length of pipe cleaner 3 times longer than legs, then fold twice.

Insert into leg with reverse st st to front and sew seam and ends.

Rep with other leg. Cut a length of pipe cleaner the size of the large toe and small toes and sew into toes as for legs. Sew 2 small toes to centre of large toe then attach foot to leg securely. Rep with second foot.

SHORTS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 12 sts.

First row Knit.

Starting with a knit row, work 4 rows st st.

Cast off.

Fold shorts and sew seam and with g st to bottom, place on leg and sew in position. Rep with second leg.

TENNIS RACQUET MESH

Using Yarn H, **cast on** 8 sts.

First row Sl1, (yfwd, k2tog) to last st, K1.

Next row Sl1, knit to end.

Next row Sl1, K1, (yfwd, k2tog) to end.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. [10 sts]

Next row Inc in first st, K1, (yfwd, k2tog) to last 2 sts, yfwd, K2. [12 sts]

Next row Sl1, knit to end.

Next row Sl1, K1, (yfwd, k2tog) to end.

Next row Sl1, knit to end.

Next row Sl1, (yfwd, k2tog) to last st, K1.

Next row Sl1, knit to end.

Next row Sl1, K1, (yfwd, k2tog) to end.

Next row Sl1, knit to end.

Next row K2tog, K1, (yfwd, k2tog) to last 3 sts, k3tog. [10 sts]

Next row Sl1, knit to end.

Rep last 2 rows again. [8 sts]

Cast off.

HANDLE AND FRAME

Using Yarn F, **cast on** 52 sts.

St st 4 rows.

Cast off.

Place mesh inside frame with reverse st st to front and sew from one side of frame through to the other, curving into shape as you go.

Cut a 12cm length of pipe cleaner and fold and twist together. Insert pipe cleaner into handle and sew seam. Using a length of cream yarn, wrap yarn around base of handle about 6 times tightly. Secure at back of racquet. Rep again 1cm up handle. Place in under wing and sew securely.

TENNIS BALLS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn I, **cast on** 3 sts.

First row Inc in every st. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog to end. [3 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through.

Join seam with reverse st st to front. Stuff firmly with filling. Sew rem seam. Rep with second ball. Sew tennis balls to other wing. Check all loose ends are tied in to finish. 🧶

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STARFISH AND
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TWO TONE TAIL





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball of each:
- Yarn A** Grass (825)
- Yarn B** Azure (824)
- Yarn C** Biscuit (963)
- Yarn D** Pumpkin (766)
- Yarn E** Sunflower (978)
- Yarn F** Purple (840)
- Yarn G** Fox (799)
- Scrap of brown and pale pink yarn

- A pair of 3.25mm needles
- A small crochet hook
- Stitch marker
- Washable toy stuffing

For yarn stockists contact Sirdar at www.sirdar.com

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10cm (4in) square over st st using 3.25mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

50cm (19¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130



MERMAID

Note: This mermaid doll is knitted in two sections, the front and the back. The arms are knitted after these sections.

Stripe pattern: Knit 2 rows in Yarn A, then knit 2 rows in Yarn B throughout.

FRONT TAIL

Cast on 32 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Working in Stripe Pattern, knit 11 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [30 sts]

Knit 11 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [28 sts]

Knit 11 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [26 sts]

Knit 5 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [24 sts]

Knit 5 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [22 sts]

Knit 5 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [20 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [18 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [16 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [14 sts]

Knit 3 rows

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [12 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [10 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [8 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

INCREASE FOR TAIL END

Next row Kfb into first 2 sts, work to last 2 sts, kfb into last 2 sts.

[4 sts inc'd]

Knit 1 row.

Rep these 2 rows until there are 44 sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Next row Kfb into first st, work to last sts, kfb into last st. [46 sts]

Knit 4 rows.

TAIL END

Note: Work each side separately.

Next row K23, turn and work each side separately.

**** Next row** K2tog, K to end. [22 sts]

Next row Kfb, K to end. [23 sts]

Next row K2tog, K to end. [22 sts]

Next row Kfb, K to end. [23 sts]

Next row K2tog twice, K to end.

[21 sts]

Next row Kfb, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

[21 sts]

Next row K2tog, K to end. [20 sts]

Next row K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [19 sts]

Next row K2tog, K to end. [18 sts]

Next row K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [17 sts]

Cast off.

Maintaining stripe pattern, rejoin yarn to rem sts at the side of the tail with WS facing, leaving a long tail.

Next row Knit.

Work as for right side of tail from **.

BODY

With RS of tail facing and using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C, pick up and knit 32 sts across the top edge of the tail.

Work in st st for 3 rows, beg with a P row.

Next row (Belly button) K16 sts, (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) into next st,

turn, P5, turn, K5, turn, P5, turn, K5, then successively slip the

1st 4 sts over the 5th st, starting with the nearest, K to end. [32 sts]

Work in st st for 15 rows, beg with a P row.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [30 sts]

Work in st st for 3 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [28 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [26 sts]

Next row Purl.

Work in st st for 4 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [24 sts]

Work in st st for 3 rows. ***

HEAD

Row 1 Kfb, K to end, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

Row 2 Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows 6 times more. [38 sts]

Work in st st for 8 rows.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [2 sts dec'd]

Next row Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows 5 times more.

[26 sts]

Next row K2tog twice, K to last 4 sts (skpo) twice. [4 sts dec'd]

Next row Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. [14 sts]

Next row K2tog twice, K to last 4 sts (skpo) twice. [10 sts]

Cast off remaining sts.

ARMS

Using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C, count 2 sts down from the crook of the neck. With RS facing pick up and knit 12 sts.

Starting with a purl row, work 35 rows in st st, ending with a purl row.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo [10 sts]

Next row P2tog, P to last 2 sts, sl1, P1, pssso. [8 sts]

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [6 sts]

Next row P2tog, K to last 2 sts, sl1, P1, pssso. [4 sts]

Cast off remaining sts.

Repeat on other side of the body.

BACK

Work as for Front to ***

Change to Yarn D.

Continue with Head as for Front.

ARMS

Work as for Front.

BIKINI TOP

Cast on 30 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn F.

Next row Knit into the back of every st to end.

Cast off.

Fold knitted strip in half and mark middle with a st marker.

With RS facing count 2 sts left from marker and pick up and knit 15 sts. Working on these sts as follows:

****Next row** Purl.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [2 sts dec'd]

Next row Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows until 3 sts remain.

Next row Purl.

Cast on 80 sts, turn.

Next row Knit into back of every st.

Cast off.

With RS facing count 17 sts right from sm and pick up and knit 15 sts. Rep as for left side of bikini from from **.

STARFISH

Cast on 1 st using 3.25mm needles and Yarn G, leaving a tail long enough to sew in later.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 **Cast on** 1 st, knit to end.

[2 sts]

Row 3 **Cast on** 1 st, knit to end.

[3 sts]

Rows 4-8 Knit.

Row 9 **Cast on** 1 st, K to last st, M1, K1. [5 sts]

Row 10 **Cast on** 1 st, K to last st, M1, K1. [7 sts]

Rows 11-13 Knit.

Row 14 **Cast on** 8 sts, knit to end. [15 sts]

Row 15 **Cast on** 7 sts, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [21 sts]

Row 16 Skpo, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [19 sts]

Row 17 Skpo, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [17 sts]

Row 18 Knit.

Row 19 Skpo, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [15 sts]

Row 20 Skpo, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [13 sts]

Row 21 Knit.

Row 22 Skpo, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [11 sts]

Row 23 Skpo, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [9 sts]

Row 24 K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. [11 sts]

Rows 25-28 Knit.

Cast on 1 st. [12 sts]

Row 29 K6, turn the work to only knit on the 6 sts now on the LH needle.

Row 30 Skpo, K4. [5 sts]

Row 31 K3, k2tog. [4 sts]

Row 32 Knit.

Row 33 K2, k2tog. [3 sts]

Row 34 Knit.

Row 35 K1, k2tog. [2 sts]

Row 36 K2tog. [1 st]

Break yarn and pass through remaining st to fasten off.

Join yarn in the centre of the star to work the remaining 6 sts.

Row 37 K2tog, K3, M1, K1. [6 sts]

Row 38 K4, k2tog. [5 sts]

Row 39 Skpo, K3. [4 sts]

Row 40 Knit.

Row 41 K2tog, K2. [3 sts]

Row 42 Knit.

Row 43 K1, k2tog. [2 sts]

Row 44 K2tog. [1 st]

Break yarn and pass through remaining st to fasten off.

Sew in all ends. Dampen the star, block out to correct shape and leave to dry.

TO MAKE UP

1 Sew the doll front to the doll back matching the yarn colour to the different sections and leaving a section open in the tail for stuffing.


2 Stuff the doll with toy stuffing making sure to get right down into the ends of the tail and hands. Make the mermaid plump without distorting the shape and sts by checking your process as you stuff. Sew up the stuffing hole.

3 Sew the starfish to the side of the tail using Yarn G and image as a guide.

4 Cut approximately forty 80cm lengths of Yarn E and Yarn D for the hair. You may want to cut more or less depending on how thick or thin you want the finished hair to be.

5 Alternating colour as you go, fold each length in half and using a crochet hook insert the hook along the top ridge of the head. Catch the middle loop of the folded hair yarn and pull through the head's top ridged seam, but only halfway. Thread the ends of this yarn all the way through the loop and pull tight against the head. Repeat this along the top seamed ridge of the head until ear level. Count to the middle st on the top of forehead and as before, thread hair strands through this st. Work directly downwards from this st, threading the hair yarn through about 5 sts catching the entire 'v' shape of the st each time. You may need to work back up to plump out the hair. Repeat this process down the centre back of the head to the top of the neck.

6 Embroider the face using brown for the eyes and pink for the nose and mouth using picture as a guide.

7 Plait the hair on either side of the head and tie the ends with a short strand of matching yarn. 



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YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 295m/100g)
1 ball in each:

Yarn A Pomegranate (1083)

Yarn B Cream (1005)

Yarn C Royal (1117)

Yarn D Matador (1010)

Yarn E Bright Green (1259)

Yarn F Black (1002)

Yarn G Turquoise (1068)

Yarn H Sunshine (1114)

- 3mm knitting needles
- Tapestry needle
- Polyester filling

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TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows in st st over
10cm (4in) square, using 3mm
knitting needles

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 30cm (11¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

With his mint green hair, ruffled hat and big red nose, Coco is guaranteed to raise a giggle. His shoes are embellished with tiny knitted pom-poms, which are simply knitted in stocking stitch and gathered together. You could also make fluffier pom-poms by winding yarn around two circles of cardboard, or by using a pom-pom maker.



No colourful clown is complete without a big squashy red nose!

CLOWN LEGS (MAKE 2)

Begin at shoes using Yarn A and 3mm needles and **cast on** 18 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Inc in every st. [24 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 K8, **cast off** 20 sts, knit to end. [16 sts]

Row 7 K6, (k2tog) x 2, knit to end. [14 sts]

Change to Yarn B. Starting with a knit row, st st 28 rows. **Cast off**.

Fold shoe in half and sew along cast-on seam. Turn right side out then sew cast off edges on top of shoe tog. Sew up rest of leg and stuff.

BODY AND HEAD

Using Yarn B and 3mm needles, **cast on** 30 sts.

St st 20 rows.

Change to Yarn C and st st 10 rows.

Next row K6, sl1, k2tog, pssso, K12, sl1, k2tog, pssso, K6. [26 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog to end. [13 sts]

Change to Yarn B.

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. [26 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [39 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 21 rows.

Next row (K2tog, K1) to end. [26 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2tog) to end. [13 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through. Pull up tightly and secure. Sew body and head seam, leaving a small gap in head for finishing facial

features. Turn right side out and stuff with filling, a little at a time. Use a length of yarn to sew a stitch from centre front to centre back on the cast-on edge. Pin legs to the leg spaces that were created with the stitch, with feet turned out slightly. Sew legs to body, adding some filling if necessary.

EYES AND FACE

Using Yarn F, **cast on** 2 sts then **cast off** to make eye. Rep for second eye. Mark position of eyes, 10 rows up from inc row, with 6 sts between. Insert first length of yarn from first eye into one of the marks and through the gap in the back of head then sew the other end 2 rows below this and pull out at back. Sew the 2 ends in a knot, pulling tightly to make an indentation for the eye to sit in. Rep with second eye. Secure ends of eyes at back then insert more filling. Using white cotton or embroidery thread, work a tiny straight st in the top right hand corner of each eye. Work a small curved row of chain sts for mouth in Yarn F starting 4 rows up from inc row. Sew rem seam at back of head. Use the side of a red colouring pencil to work some soft colour circles either side of face for cheeks, if desired.

NOSE

Using Yarn D, **cast on** 4 sts. St st 4 rows. **Cast off.** Gather round edges all the way around and pull up gently. Add some filling then sew to centre of face above mouth.

HAIR

Using Yarn E and 3mm needles, **cast on** 9 sts.
First (and every alt) row Knit.
Next row Inc in every st. [18 sts]
Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [27 sts]
Next row (K2, inc in next st) to end. [36 sts]
Next row (K3, inc in next st) to end. [45 sts]
 G st 9 rows, inc in first st on every row. [54 sts]
Next row (K4, k2tog) to end. [45 sts]
Next (and every alt) row Knit.
Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. [36 sts]
Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [27 sts]
Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [18 sts]
Next row (K2tog) to end. [9 sts]
Next row (K3tog) to end. [3 sts]
 Cut yarn and pull through. Pull up tightly and sew seam. Turn right side out. Place on head with seam at back. Sew all way around edge.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B and 3mm needles, **cast on** 8 sts.
First row K2tog. Cut yarn and thread through. Pull up yarn tightly, curving the outside edge. Place flat edge to side of head starting in line with eye and with bottom of ear touching the bottom of the hair and sew in position securely, right through hair. Rep with second ear.

FRINGE

Using Yarn E and 3mm needles, make up as for Ears. Sew to centre of head along the edge of the hair.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B and 3mm needles, **cast on** 6 sts.
First row Purl.
Next row Inc in every st. [12 sts]
 Starting with a purl row, st st 7 rows.
 Change to Yarn C and st st a further 22 rows.
Next row *K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [10 sts]
Next row Purl.
 Rep last 2 rows again. [8 sts]

Next row K2tog to end. [4 sts] **Cast off** purlways. Gather round cast on sts and pull up. Sew seam to shaping. Turn right side out and add filling. Pin at side of body then sew in place.

TROUSERS

Using Yarn G and 3mm needles, **cast on** 18 sts. G st 4 rows.
Next row (K5, inc in next st) to end. [21 sts]
 St st 3 rows.
Next row (K6, inc in next st) to end. [24 sts]
 St st 5 rows.
Next row (K7, inc in next st) to end. [27 sts]
 St st 7 rows.
Next row (K8, inc in next st) to end. [30 sts]
 St st 7 rows.
Next row (K9, inc in next st) to end. [33 sts]
 St st 15 rows.
Next row (K2tog, K1) to end. [22 sts]
 St st 3 rows.
 Work 5 rows in K1, P1 rib.
Cast off in rib.
 Make a second leg in the same way. Sew seam from cast on sts to 8.5cm up on both legs then join body part of trouser legs to each other. Turn right side out and place on clown. Sew to body securely.

POM-POMS

Make pom-poms as for nose, one in Yarn H, one in Yarn E. Attach to shoes.

BRACES (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn H and 3mm needles, **cast on** 28 sts.
First row Knit.
Next row Purl.
Cast off. With cast off sts to outside, sew one end to front of trousers on rib band and other end at back (braces should be sewn closer tog at back). Sew braces tog for 4 sts at back, starting 6 sts up from bottom.

BUTTONS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D and 3mm needles, **cast on** 10 sts.
First row K2tog to end. Cut yarn and thread through.
 Pull up yarn tightly, curving outside edge. Join seam to make a circle. Sew buttons to braces where they are sewn to the trousers.
 Make a cross in black yarn in the centre of each one.

HAT

Using Yarn F and 3mm needles, **cast on** 20 sts. St st 8 rows.
Next row K2tog to end. [10 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row K2tog to end. [5 sts] Cut yarn and thread through.
 Pull up yarn tightly then sew seam. Turn RS out and stuff.

BRIM

Using Yarn F and 3mm needles, **cast on** 22 sts.
First row Purl.
Next row Inc in every st. [44 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [66 sts]
Next row Knit.
Cast off. Sew seam then sew centre to base of hat. Place hat on head at an angle then sew in place securely.

HAT BAND

Using Yarn H and 3mm needles, **cast on** 22 sts.
First row Knit. **Cast off.**
 Place band around base of hat and sew securely. 🧶



BEEP, BOOP!

Monica Fuertes' gizmo and gadget-packed robo pal is the ideal retro gift for modern little ones to play with!



EASY TO KNIT

- Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
1 ball of each:
Yarn A Grey (1099)
Yarn B Aster (1003)
Yarn C Matador (1010)
Yarn D Citron (1263)
Yarn E White (0311)
Yarn F Black (0312)
- A pair of 4mm needles
- Small amount of black thread
- Small amount of white thread
- 2 black glass eyes, 9mm diameter
- Tapestry needle

- 90g toy stuffing
- 2 red buttons (for arms)
- Small amount of white felt
- 4 different-coloured buttons (for the front)

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TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm using st st and 4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

35cm (13¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list of abbreviations see page 130

TOP TIP

Use simple garter and stocking stitch, mixed with basic increases and decreases, to make this special friend for a lucky little one. If you're thinking of gifting this cute fella to a small child, swap the glass beads for safety eyes or knit them on instead.



Fun details such as the antenna, embroidered dial and chart help to bring this character to life



ROBOT TOY HEAD

- Cast on** 29 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
- Row 1** (WS) Knit.
- Row 2** Knit.
- Row 3** K1, P5, K1, P15, K1, P5, K1. [29 sts]
Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 6 more times.
- Row 16** Knit.
- Row 17** **Cast off** 6 sts, K until there are 17 sts on RH needle, **cast off** rem 6 sts. [17 sts]
- Row 18** With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem 17 sts and knit.
- Row 19** K1, P15, K1. [17 sts]
Repeat Rows 18 and 19, 4 more times.
- Row 28** K1, P15, K1.
- Row 29** K1, P15, K1.

- Row 30** Knit.
- Row 31** K1, P15, K1.
Repeat Rows 30 and 31, 6 more times.
- Rows 44, 45 and 46** Knit.
- Row 47** K1, P15, K1.
Repeat Rows 46 and 47, 4 more times.
- Fasten off.**

Sew piece into a rectangle box shape, stuffing as you sew.

NOSE

- Cast on** 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
- Row 1** (RS) (Kfb) to end. [4 sts]
- Row 2** Kfb, P2, kfb. [6 sts]
- Row 3** Knit.
- Row 4** P2tog, P2, p2tog. [4 sts]
- Row 5** (K2tog) to end. [2 sts]
- Row 6** P2tog. [1 st]
- Cast off.**

Sew piece into a little ball shape and sew it onto the face, using image as a guide.
Sew the black eyes to both sides of the nose. Cut two small white felt circles with a paper punch and glue one white circle at the top-back of each black glass eye.

YELLOW CIRCLES ON HEAD (MAKE 3)

- Cast on** 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
- Row 1** (RS) (Kfb) to end. [4 sts]
- Row 2** (Kfb) to end. [8 sts]
- Row 3** (Kfb) to end. [16 sts]
- Cast off.**
Sew seam to form a circular shape.

GREY EDGES ON HEAD (MAKE 3)

- Cast on** 3 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
- Work 48 rows in garter stitch.
- Cast off.**

Sew cast-on and cast-off edges together to form a ring shape.
Sew the yellow circles to the insides of the grey rings, using image as a guide.
Stuff and sew them to both sides of the head and to the top of the head.

BLACK ANTENNA

Cast on 7 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Cast off.

Sew piece into a tubular shape.

RED BALL ON ANTENNA

Work as for Nose.

Sew piece into a little ball shape and sew it to the top of the black stick.

BODY FRONT AND SIDES

Cast on 29 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 K1, P5, K1, P15, K1, P5, K1.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 12 more times.

Row 28 K1, P5, K1, k2tog, K11, k2tog, K1, P5, K1. [27 sts]

Row 29 K1, P5, K1, p2tog, P9, p2tog, K1, P5, K1. [25 sts]

Row 30 K1, P5, K1, k2tog, K7, k2tog, K1, P5, K1. [23 sts]

Cast off.

BOTTOM AND BACK

Note Starting at the bottom – the cast-on edge will join with the cast-on edge of the front.

Cast on 17 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 K1, P15, K1. [17 sts]

Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 4 more times.

Row 12 Knit.

Row 13 K1, P15, K1.

Row 14 Knit.

Repeat Rows 13 and 14, 11 more times, then work Row 13 once more.

Row 38 K1, k2tog, K11, k2tog, K1. [15 sts]

Row 39 K1, p2tog, P9, p2tog, K1. [13 sts]

Row 40 K1, k2tog, K7, k2tog, K1. [11 sts]

Cast off.

Sew cast-on edge of bottom and back to cast-on edge of front and sides, lining up the short st st pieces of the sides with the 10 rows of st st worked on the bottom and back, beginning to form the box shape. Stitch the edges of the front and sides piece to the sides of the bottom and back piece, stuffing as you sew. Attach the cast-off edges to the base of the head.

WHITE SQUARE

Cast on 7 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn E.

Beg with a knit row, work 6 rows in st st, knitting the first and last st of every row for a garter st edge.

Cast off.

Embroider the drawing on with black thread and sew the square to the front of the robot's body, using image as a guide.

BLACK CIRCLE

Cast on 3 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [6 sts]

Row 2 (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Cast off.

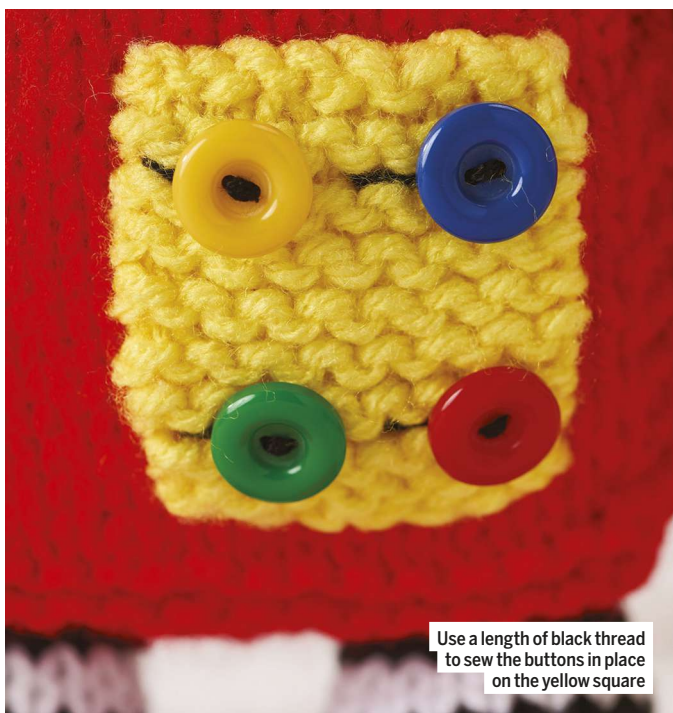
Sew into a circular shape.

Embroider the drawing on with white thread and sew to the front of the robot's body, using image as a guide.





The shoes are knitted at the base of the legs with the black soles sewn on after



Use a length of black thread to sew the buttons in place on the yellow square

YELLOW SQUARE

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
Work 16 rows in garter stitch.
Cast off.

Sew on four buttons of different colours and sew to the front of the robot's body, using image as a guide.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [14 sts]
Beg and ending with a P row, work 9 rows in st st.

Change to Yarn C.
Knit 3 rows.

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Change to Yarn B.
Work 10 rows in garter stitch.

Change to Yarn C.
Beg with a K row, work 5 rows in st st.

Next row (P2tog) to end. [7 sts]
Cast off.

Sew the arms, stuffing them slightly.
Attach a red button at the top of each arm, using image as a guide.
To 'joint' the arms, sew 1 piece of thread through the button, through the body of the robot and through the opposite button, repeating until the arms are both securely attached.

FEET AND LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 18 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [36 sts]

Beg with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

Row 9 K8, (k2tog) 10 times, K8. [26 sts]

Row 10 Purl.

Row 11 K8, (k2tog) 5 times, K8. [21 sts]

Row 12 Purl.

Row 13 K7, k2tog, sk2po, k2tog, K7.
[17 sts]

Row 14 Knit.

Change to Yarn A
Beg with a K row, work 6 rows in st st.

Change to Yarn B.
Work 6 rows in garter stitch.
Change to Yarn E.
Beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st st.

Change to Yarn F.
Beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st st.

Change to Yarn E.
Beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st st.

Change to Yarn F.
Row 33 Knit.
Cast off.

Sew the legs, stuffing as you go.
Sew the legs to underneath the body.

BLACK SOLES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.
Work 4 rows in garter st.
Row 5 Kfb, K5, kfb. [9 sts]
Work 8 rows in garter st.
Row 14 K1, k2tog, K3, k2tog, K1. [7 sts]
Work 5 rows in garter st.
Cast off.

Sew the soles to the base of the feet to complete the shoes. 🧵

FAIRYTALE KNITS

Let little Goldilocks and her bear buddies into your knitting bag with **Monica Fuertes'** cute Russian doll-inspired characters

**GREAT
GIFT
idea!**





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
1 ball of each:
- Yarn A** Mocha (1064)
- Yarn B** Citron (1263)
- Yarn C** White (1001)
- Yarn D** Lipstick (1246)
- Yarn E** Grass Green (1821)
- Yarn F** Kelly Green (1826)
- Yarn G** Blush (1833)
- Yarn H** Candyfloss (1130)
- Yarn J** Sunshine (1114)
- Yarn K** Toy (1844)
- Yarn L** Jaffa (1256)
- Yarn M** Buttermilk (1835)

- Oddment of narrow string (approx DK thickness) for basket
- A pair of 3mm knitting needles
- 8 x black glass eyes, 5mm diameter
- 2 x black glass eyes, 3mm diameter
- 3 x black glass eyes, 7mm diameter for the noses
- Tapestry needle
- Toy filling
- 8 x mother-of-pearl buttons, 10mm diameter
- 4 x tiny yellow buttons
- 4 x tiny red buttons
- 1 x tiny pink button
- Tiny pompom maker or cardboard circles

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TENSION

25 sts and 33 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Daddy Bear 15cm tall
Mummy Bear 14cm tall
Baby Bear 11.5cm tall
Goldilocks 9cm tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

Taking the classic shape of Russian dolls but with a fairytale twist, this fun set is not suitable for very young children due to small parts. If you prefer, you can embroider details such as the eyes and sew limbs onto the characters rather than use beads and buttons. Stylecraft Special DK is available in a huge range of shades, so pick your favourites for this adorable project.

**GOLDILOCKS SET
DADDY BEAR**

HEAD

Start at the muzzle.

Cast on 7 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 7 times. [14 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 5 K4, (kfb) 6 times, K4. [20 sts]

Row 6 P5, (kfb) 10 times, P5. [30 sts]

Rows 7 to 8 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 9 (Kfb, K4) 6 times. [36 sts]

Rows 10 to 18 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 19 (K2tog, K4) 6 times. [30 sts]

Row 20 Purl.

Row 21 (K2tog, K3) 6 times [24 sts]

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 (K2tog, K1) 8 times. [16 sts]

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 (K2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]

Cast off.

BODY

Start at the neck.

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) 10 times. [30 sts]

Rows 6 to 10 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 11 (Kfb, K4) 6 times. [36 sts]

Rows 12 to 16 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Change to Yarn E.

Row 17 Knit.

Row 18 K1, P16, K2, P16, K1.

Row 19 P1, K16, P2, K16, P1.

Rows 20 to 31 Rep Rows 18 to 19 six more times.

Row 32 P2, (p2tog, P4) 5 times, p2tog, P2. [30 sts]

Row 33 K1, K13, P2, K13, K1.

Row 34 Purl.

Cast off.

BASE FOR BODY

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 5 times. [10 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

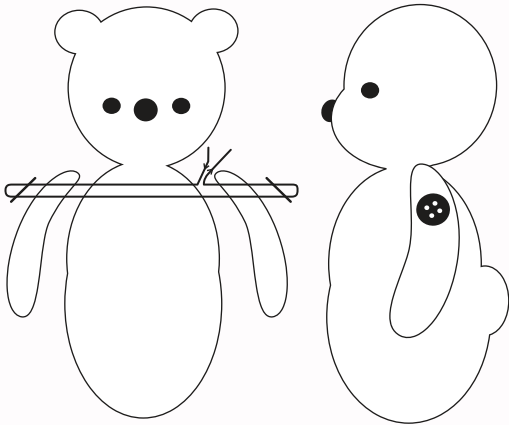
Row 3 (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) 10 times. [30 sts]

Cast off.



HOW TO ATTACH THE BUTTON LIMBS**BRACES (MAKE 2)**

Cast on 2 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.
Knit 60 rows.

Cast off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb, K1) twice. [6 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

FRONT PAWS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) twice, K1, (kfb) twice. [9 sts]

Rows 2 to 20 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 21 K2tog, K5, k2tog. [7 sts]

Cast off.

TAIL

Make a tiny pompom with Yarn A.

MUMMY BEAR**HEAD**

Start at the muzzle.

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 5 times. [10 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 5 K3, (kfb) 4 times, K3. [14 sts]

Row 6 P3, (kfb) 8 times, P3. [22 sts]

Row 7 Knit.

Row 8 (Kfb, P1) 11 times. [33 sts]

Rows 9 to 17 Starting on a RS knit row work in st st.

Row 18 (P2tog, P3) 6 times, p2tog, P1. [26 sts]

Rows 19, 21 and 23 Knit.

Row 20 P1, (p2tog, P3) 5 times. [21 sts]

Row 22 (P2tog, P1) 7 times. [14 sts]

Row 24 (P2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]

Cast off.

BODY

Start at the neck.

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) 10 times. [30 sts]

Rows 6 to 10 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 11 (Kfb, K9) 3 times. [33 sts]

Rows 12 to 28 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

For authenticity,
Mummy Bear's basket
is knitted using 3mm
needles and fine string



Row 29 (K2tog, K9) 3 times. [30 sts]

Row 30 Purl.

Cast off.

BASE FOR BODY

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 5 times. [10 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) 10 times. [30 sts]

Cast off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Work as for Daddy Bear.

FRONT PAWS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 4 times. [8 sts]

Rows 2 to 16 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Change to Yarn G.

Rows 17 to 19 Knit.

Row 20 Purl.

Row 21 Knit.

Row 22 P2tog, P4, p2tog. [6 sts]

Cast off.

TAIL

Work as for Daddy Bear.

APRON

Start at the lower edge.

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.

Rows 1 to 3 Knit.

Row 4 K1, kfb, K8, kfb, K1. [14 sts]

Rows 5 to 7 Knit.

Row 8 K1, k2tog, K8, k2tog, K1. [12 sts]

Rows 9 to 11 Knit.

Row 12 K1, k2tog, K6, k2tog, K1. [10 sts]

Rows 13 to 15 Knit.

Row 16 K1, k2tog, K4, k2tog, K1. [8 sts]

Cast off.

APRON STRAP

Cast on 43 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.

Cast off.

HEADSCARF

Cast on 2 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K1. [3 sts]

Row 2 Kfb, P2. [4 sts]

Row 3 Kfb, K2, kfb. [6 sts]

Row 4 Kfb, P4, kfb. [8 sts]

Row 5 Kfb, K6, kfb. [10 sts]

Row 6 Kfb, P8, kfb. [12 sts]

Row 7 Kfb, K10, kfb. [14 sts]

Row 8 Kfb, P12, kfb. [16 sts]

Row 9 Kfb, K14, kfb. [18 sts]

Row 10 Kfb, P16, kfb. [20 sts]

Row 11 Kfb, K18, kfb. [22 sts]

Row 12 Kfb, P20, kfb. [24 sts]

Row 13 Kfb, K22, kfb. [26 sts]

Row 14 Kfb, P24, kfb. [28 sts]

Row 15 Kfb, K26, kfb. [30 sts]

Row 16 Kfb, P28, kfb. [32 sts]



Row 17 (earholes) Kfb, K7, **cast off** 4 sts, K8, **cast off** 4 sts, knit to last st, kfb. [26 sts]

Row 18 Kfb, P8, turn and **cast on** 4 sts, turn, P8, turn and **cast on** 4 sts, turn, P8, kfb. [36 sts]

Row 19 Kfb, K34, kfb. [38 sts]

Row 20 Kfb, P36, kfb. [40 sts]

Row 21 **Cast on** 6 sts, K40. [46 sts]

Row 22 **Cast on** 6 sts, K46. [52 sts]

Cast off.

BASKET

Cast on 12 sts, using 3mm needles and string.

Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K4, (kfb) twice, K4, kfb. [16 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 Kfb, K6, (kfb) twice, K6, kfb. [20 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 Kfb, K8, (kfb) twice, K8, kfb. [24 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 Kfb, K10, (kfb) twice, K10, kfb. [28 sts]

Row 8 Knit.

Row 9 Kfb, K12, (kfb) twice, K12, kfb. [32 sts]

Row 10 Knit.

Row 11 Kfb, K14, (kfb) twice, K14, kfb. [36 sts]

Row 12 Knit.

Row 13 Kfb, K16, (kfb) twice, K16, kfb. [40 sts]

Rows 14 to 20 Knit.

Cast off.

BABY BEAR

HEAD

Start at the muzzle.

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 3 times. [6 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 5 K2, (kfb) twice, K2. [8 sts]



Row 6 P2, (kfb) 4 times, P2. [12 sts]
Row 7 Knit.
Row 8 (Kfb) 12 times. [24 sts]
Row 9 (Kfb, K3) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rows 10 to 16 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 17 (K2tog, K3) 6 times. [24 sts]
Row 18 Purl.
Row 19 (K2tog, K6) 3 times. [21 sts]
Row 20 Purl.
Row 21 (K2tog, K1) 7 times. [14 sts]
Row 22 Purl.
Row 23 (K2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]
Cast off.

BODY

Start at the neck.
Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]
Rows 2 to 4 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 5 K1, (kfb, K5) 3 times, kfb. [24 sts]
Rows 6 to 13 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 14 (Kfb, P5) 4 times. [28 sts]

Change to Yarn F.

Row 15 Knit.
Row 16 K1, P12, K2, P12, K1.
Row 17 P1, K12, P2, K12, P1.
Rows 18 to 25 Rep Rows 16 to 17 four more times.
Row 26 K1, P12, K2, P12, K1.
Row 27 K1, (k2tog, K4) 4 times, k2tog, K1. [23 sts]
Cast off.

BASE FOR BODY

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 5 times. [10 sts]

Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]
Row 4 Purl
Cast off.

BRACES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 2 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.
 Knit 50 rows.
Cast off.

EARS

Work as for Daddy Bear.

FRONT PAWS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K3, kfb. [7 sts]
Rows 2 to 16 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 17 K2tog, K3, k2tog. [5 sts]
Cast off.

TAIL

Work as for Daddy Bear.

DUCK HEAD

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 4 times. [8 sts]
Rows 2 to 5 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 6 (P2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]
Cast off.

BODY

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 4 times. [8 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 (Kfb, K1) 4 times. [12 sts]
Rows 4 to 6 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 7 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Row 8 (P2tog) 3 times. [3 sts]
Row 9 Sk2po and fasten off.

FEET (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn L.
Rows 1 to 2 Knit.
Row 3 Sk2po and fasten off.

BEAK

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn L.
Rows 1 to 3 Knit. **Cast off.**

GOLDBLOCKS HEAD

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn K.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 5 times. [10 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 (Kfb, K1) 10 times. [30 sts]
Rows 6 to 12 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 13 (K2tog, K1) 10 times. [20 sts]
Row 14 Purl.
Row 15 (K2tog) 10 times. [10 sts]
Row 16 Purl.
Row 17 (K2tog) 5 times. [5 sts]
Cast off.

BODY

Start at the neck.

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) 10 times. [30 sts]

Rows 6 to 21 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 22 (P2tog, P4) 5 times. [25 sts]

Cast off.

BASE FOR BODY

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 5 times. [10 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Cast off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn K.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 3 times. [6 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Change to Yarn D.

Rows 5 to 6 Knit.

Rows 7 to 16 Starting on a RS knit row work in st st.

Row 17 K2tog, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Cast off.

HAIR RIBBONS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

Rows 1 to 6 Starting on a RS knit row work in st st.

Row 7 Sk2po and fasten off.

MAKING UP

DADDY, MUMMY AND BABY BEAR

- 1 Seam row edges of the Head tog and stuff, using the photograph as a guide to making the right shape. Add a ball of stuffing on each side of the muzzle to make the cheeks.
- 2 Attach two 5mm beads for the eyes and a 7mm bead for the nose.
- 3 Seam row edges of the Body tog and stuff. Attach Body to Head.
- 4 Seam base to lower end of Body.
- 5 Attach an Ear to each side of the Head.
- 6 Seam the row edges of each front Paw and stuff lightly. Attach a front Paw to each side of the Body with a mother-of-pearl button.
- 7 Attach Tail to back of Body.

DADDY BEAR

Sew the Braces to the front of the Body and sew on two tiny yellow buttons. Cross the braces at the back and attach to Body. Sew on the other two tiny yellow buttons.

MUMMY BEAR

- 1 Using Yarn D, Swiss darn polka dots onto the dress.
- 2 Using Yarn D, work French knots around the sides and lower edge of the Apron for the flowers.
- 3 Using Yarn E, work 2 small sts at the outside of each French knot for the leaves.
- 4 Attach Apron Strap to the upper edge of the Apron and attach a tiny pink button at the back.
- 5 Using Yarn D, work French knots on edges of headscarf for the flowers.
- 6 Using Yarn E, work 2 small sts at the inside of each French knot for the leaves.
- 7 Fold the basket in half and join the side seams.
- 8 Using string, make 2 loops for the Basket handles.



9 Using Yarn D, embroider 3 French knots for the flowers and add 2 small sts per flower in Yarn E for the leaves.

10 Secure Basket to Mummy Bear's arm with a few small sts if desired.

BABY BEAR

Add Braces as for Daddy Bear, using tiny red buttons.

DUCK

Seam row edges of Head tog and stuff. Attach the two 3mm beads for the eyes. Seam row edges of Body tog and stuff. Attach Head to Body. Attach Feet under the Body and Beak to head using the photograph as a guide. Secure Duck to Baby Bear's arm with a few small sts if desired.

GOLDILOCKS

- 1 Seam row edges of Head tog and stuff, using the photograph as a guide to making it the right shape.
- 2 Using Yarn H, Swiss darn the cheeks.
- 3 Using Yarn G, work a French knot for the nose.
- 4 Attach two 5mm beads for the eyes.
- 5 Seam the row edges of Body tog and stuff. Attach Body to Head.
- 6 Seam base to lower end of Body.
- 7 Using Yarn M, Swiss darn polka dots onto the dress.
- 8 Seam the row edges of each Arm and stuff lightly. Attach an Arm to each side of the Body with a mother-of-pearl button.
- 9 Cut a long length of Yarn J and sew it with loose and long stitches from one side of the Head to the other, making a parting to one side. Repeat with more lengths of Yarn J until the Head is covered.
- 10 Using Yarn J, make two little pigtails and attach one to each side of the Head.
- 11 Using Yarn D, sew each ribbon firmly around the middle to make a bow shape, and attach where the hair meets the pigtails. Trim pigtails neatly. 🧊

WONDER WINGS

It's time to fly away with **Angela Turner's** magical fairy ragdoll. It's easy to knit, so perfect for beginners to try





EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic, 295m/100g)
1 ball each of:
- Yarn A** Boysenberry (1828)
- Yarn B** Black (1002)
- Yarn C** Apricot (1026)
- Yarn D** Walnut (1054)
- Yarn E** Magenta (1084)
- Yarn F** Cream (1005)
- Yarn G** Denim (1302)
- A pair of 3mm needles

- A pair of 4mm needles
- Polyester toy stuffing
- 2 small black bead eyes
- Red colouring pencil

For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft on 01484 848 435 or www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows over st st using 3mm needles to make a 10cm (4in) square

MEASUREMENTS

About 35.5cm (14in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

Our fairy ragdoll is really quite adorable and she's easy to knit too. She'll really come to life once the hair and face have been created but since this can be the most challenging part of knitting a doll, it's a good idea to practise her face on a separate swatch of Apricot a few times before you knit the real thing.



FAIRY RAGDOLL SHOES AND LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A and 3mm needles, **cast on** 4 sts.

- Row 1** (WS) Purl.
- Row 2** (RS) Kfb in every st. [8 sts]
- Row 3** Purl.
- Row 4** Kfb in every st. [16 sts]
- Starting with a purl row, st st 7 rows.
- Change to Yarn B.
- Starting with a knit row, st st 32 rows.
- Cast off.**

- 1 Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam.
- 2 Turn right side out and stuff with filling lightly. With seam at centre back, sew across top seam.

DRESS

- Using Yarn A and 3mm needles, **cast on** 70 sts.
- Work 4 rows g st.
- Work 4 rows st st starting with a K row.
- Row 1** (RS) K16, k3tog tbl, K32, k3tog, K16. [66 sts]
- Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st st.
- Row 5** K15, k3tog tbl, K30, k3tog, K15. [62 sts]
- Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st st.
- Row 9** K14, k3tog tbl, K28, k3tog, K14. [58 sts]
- Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st st.
- Row 13** K13, k3tog tbl, K26, k3tog, K13. [54 sts]
- Cont to dec in this way until 38 sts.
- Next row** Purl.
- Next row** (K2, k2tog) to last 2 sts, K2. [29 sts]
- Next row** Purl.
- Next row** (K1, k2tog) to last 2 sts, K2. [20 sts]
- Next row** Purl.
- Cast off.**

- 1 Fold and sew centre back seam then sew across base.
- 2 Turn right side out and stuff lightly with filling.
- 3 Sew legs to base with about 3cm between them.

NECK AND HEAD (FRONT)

Using Yarn C and 3mm needles, **cast on** 8 sts.

- Work 8 rows st st.
- Row 1** (RS) Kfb in every st. [16 sts]
- Row 2** (WS) Purl.**
- Row 3** Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. [18 sts]
- Row 4** Pfb, purl to last st, pfb. [20 sts]
- Rep last 2 rows again. [24 sts]
- Row 7** Knit.
- Row 8** Purl.
- Row 9** Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. [26 sts]
- Starting with a purl row, st st 13 rows.
- Row 13** K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [24 sts]
- Row 14** Purl.
- Row 15** Knit.
- Row 16** Purl.
- Row 17** K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [22 sts]
- Row 18** Purl.
- Row 19** K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [20 sts]
- Row 20** P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [18 sts]
- Cast off** 3 sts at the beg of every row until 3 sts rem.
- Cast off.**

NECK AND HEAD (BACK)

Using Yarn C, work as for head front to **. Change to Yarn D and complete as for head front.

- 1 Sew front head and back head seams together then turn right side out.
- 2 Add filling, a little at a time.
- 3 Place neck inside the dress and sew in place securely, adding a little more filling if necessary.
- 4 Sew a bead to the front of the face about 14 rows above the neck increases and 8 sts in from edge of face. Rep for the second eye.
- 5 Separate 2 strands from a length of Black yarn and work a small curved line of straight sts starting about 8 rows above neck increases just 3 sts long in total.
- 6 Use the edge of a red colouring pencil to work a soft circle either side of mouth for cheeks.

HAT

- Using Yarn E and 3mm needles, **cast on** 62 sts.
- Work 2 rows st st starting with a K row.
- Row 3** (RS) K14, k3tog tbl, k28, k3tog, k14. 58 sts
- Row 4** (WS) Purl.

Row 5 K13, k3tog tbl, K26, k3tog, K13. [54 sts]

Cont to dec in this way until 30 sts.

Next row (WS) P6, p3tog, P12, p3tog tbl, P6. [26 sts]

Next row (RS) K5, k3tog tbl, K10, k3tog, K5. [22 sts]

Cont to dec in this way until 10 sts.

Cast off.

CURLS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D and 3mm needles, **cast on** 10 sts.

Row 1 Cast off 3 sts, knit to end.

[7 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 Cast off 3 sts, knit to end. [4 sts]

Cast off.

1 Sew back seam then sew across seam at top of hat.

2 Turn right side out and place on fairy.

3 Pin in position so that the sides of the hat are in place on top of the curls, just below eye level.

4 Sew back of hat to head and sew sides securely (leave front of hat so that it curls up naturally).

LACE TRIM (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn F and 4mm needles, **cast on** 31 sts loosely.

Knit two rows.

Row 3 (RS) K1, (yfwd, yrn, P1, p3tog, P1, yrn, K1) to end.

Row 4 (WS) Purl.

Row 5 Knit.

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 K1, (yfwd, yrn, P1, p3tog, P1, yrn, K1) to end.

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [29 sts]

Cast off knitways.

1 Sew cast off edge to top garter stitch row on front and back.

2 Sew side seams tog.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn C and 3mm needles, **cast on** 7 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Kfb in every st. [14 sts]

Starting with a knit row, st st 27 rows.

Row 3 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [12 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [10 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.

[8 sts]

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.

[6 sts]

Row 10 P2tog to end. [3 sts]

Cast off.

1 Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly.

2 Sew seam to shaping, turn right side out and stuff with filling lightly.

3 Sew across shaping, adding some filling as you go.

4 Sew shaped edge of arm to shaping of body, starting just below neck working downwards.

NECK TRIM

Using Yarn F and 3mm needles, **cast on** 23 sts. **Cast off.**

1 Place round neck where dress meets neck and sew ends tog.

2 Sew neck trim securely to dress.

Using Denim yarn and stocking stitch, create a pair of teardrop-shaped fairy wings



WINGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn G and 3mm needles, **cast on** 12 sts.

Row 1 (and every alt) row (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (RS) Kfb in every st. [24 sts]

Row 4 (K3, kfb) to end. [30 sts]

Row 6 (K4, kfb) to end. [36 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Row 10 (K5, kfb) to end. [42 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 11 rows.

Row 12 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [40 sts]

Row 13 (and every alt) row Purl.

Row 14 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [38 sts]

Row 16 K2tog, K15, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K15, k2tog. [34 sts]

Row 18 K2tog, K13, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K13, k2tog. [30 sts]

Row 20 K2tog, K11, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K11, k2tog. [26 sts]

Cont to dec in this way until 6 sts.

Next row (WS) Purl.

Next row (RS) K3tog tbl, k3tog. [2 sts] **Cast off.**

1 Fold the wing in half. Sew across your cast on sts and then up the seam.

2 Turn the wing right side out and sew the remaining seam.

3 Join the two wings together in the centre then sew to centre-back of the dress starting about 2cm down from neck working downwards.

4 Ensure all loose ends are tied in securely to finish. 🧶

SWEETHEARTS

We've fallen head over heels for **Monica Fuertes'** lovely cupids! Featuring lots of gorgeous details, this cute pair are easy to make



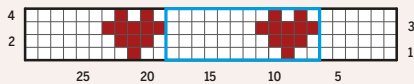


EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- ❑ Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m), 1 ball of each:
 - Yarn A** Biscuit (963)
 - Yarn B** Ice Blue (730)
 - Yarn C** Pink (992)
 - Yarn D** White (961)
 - Yarn E** Ladybird (698)
 - Yarn F** Sunflower (978)
 - Yarn G** Iced Pink (958)
 - Yarn H** Chocolate (947)
 - ❑ A pair of 3mm needles
 - ❑ 4 black glass eyes, 7mm diameter
 - ❑ Toy stuffing
 - ❑ Approx 40cm of thin gold wire
 - ❑ Pearl buttons
 - ❑ Red thread
- For yarn stockists contact Sirdar at www.sirdar.com**

CHART



TENSION

25 sts and 33 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Cherubs 24cm (9½in) tall
Heart 7x7cm (2¾x2¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting.

KEY

- ❑ Yarn B or C
- Swiss Darn in Yarn E
- Repeat



Use Swiss darning to add the rosy cheeks, then embroider on the mouth and nose

"With their golden halos, Swiss darned hearts and little wings, these cherubs are totally adorable. Pop the large heart between them and gift them to someone special."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



CHERUBS HEAD (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [24 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) to end. [36 sts]

Work 15 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 21 (K2tog, K1) to end. [24 sts]

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 (K2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 (K2tog) to end. [6 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Head and stuff it making the right shape.

Using the image as a guide, sew on the two 7mm black glass eyes firmly, Swiss darn the cheeks under the eyes using Yarn G and a tapestry needle, embroider the nose using Yarn C and the mouth with red thread.

BODY (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C for the girl, and Yarn B for the boy.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [24 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) to end. [36 sts]

Work 11 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Work 2 rows in rev st st, beg with a P row.

Change to Yarn A.

Work 12 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 31 (K2tog, K1) to end. [24 sts]

Row 32 Purl.

Row 33 (K2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Row 34 Purl.

Row 35 (K2tog) to end. [6 sts]

Cast off.

Stuff the Body slightly and sew closed.

GIRL'S HAIR

Cut a long strand of Yarn F and embroider the Hair with long stitches from the top of the Head to the ears and the back part of the Head, using the image as a guide. Continue embroidering until the Head is covered.

Make two little braids. Pass 12 strands of Yarn F through the hair either side of the Head, using image as a guide.

Embroider the fringe with long stitches from the front around both sides of the face and sew a tiny bow (see below) at each side to decorate the hair.

BLUE BOWS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Work 12 rows in garter st.

Cast off.

Wrap a piece of yarn around the centre to form a bow shape and sew the two Bows to the top of the Head.

Embroider 3 red French knots with Yarn E and 1 French knot with Yarn D at the centre of each Bow to decorate them.

BOY'S HAIR

Cut a long strand of Yarn H and embroider the Hair with long stitches from the top of the Head to the ears and the back part of the Head, using the photo as a guide. Continue embroidering until the Head is covered.

Embroider the fringe with long stitches from the front around both sides of the face.

HANDS AND ARMS (MAKE 4)

Begin knitting the Hands:

Cast on 6 sts, using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Work 8 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 10 Purl.

Change to Yarn B (for Boy Cherub) or Yarn C (for Girl Cherub)

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 (WS) Kfb, K10, kfb. [14 sts]

Work 17 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 30 P2tog, P10, p2tog. [12 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Hands and Arms into a tubular shape. Stuff the Arms slightly.

Sew the Arms to both sides of the Body, stitching a tiny mother of pearl button to each side to joint the shoulders.

FEET AND LEGS (MAKE 4)

Begin knitting the Feet:

Cast on 15 sts, using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [30 sts]

Work 5 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 7 K9, (K2tog) 6 times, K9. [24 sts]

Row 8 P9, (P2tog) 3 times, P9. [21 sts]

Row 9 K8, (sk2po) twice, K7. [17 sts]

Work 17 rows in st st, beg with a P row.



Follow the chart on the previous page to Swiss darn on these delicate hearts



Sweet mother of pearl buttons create a jointed look to the limbs



The hair on the cherubs' heads is created by working solid blocks of long stitches, then sewing on the girl's braids

Row 27 Kfb, K15, kfb. [19 sts]
 Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Row 34 P1, (P2tog) to end. [10 sts]
Cast off.

Sew and stuff the Legs slightly.

Sew the Legs to both sides of the Body, adding a tiny mother of pearl button to each hip joint.

DRESS (MAKE 1 IN YARN C, 1 IN YARN B)

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles.
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Row 2 (Kfb) to end. [24 sts]
 Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Row 9 (Kfb, K1) to end. [36 sts]
 Work 11 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Row 21 (Kfb, K2) to end. [48 sts]
 Work 10 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Row 32 (Pfb, P2) to end. [64 sts]
 Work 7 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Row 40 (Pfb, P4) to last 4 sts, pfb, P3. [77 sts]

Work 7 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
 Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Cast off.

Sew up the Dress at the back seam.

Following Chart, Swiss darn hearts around the Cherub's Dress in Yarn E, leaving 6 sts at beg and end, and 7 sts between each heart.

WINGS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 6 sts, using 3mm needles and Yarn D.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb, K1), to end. [9 sts]
Row 2 Knit.
Row 3 (Kfb, K1), to last st, kfb. [14 sts]
Row 4 Knit.
Row 5 K2, sk2po, K4, sk2po, K2. [10 sts]
Row 6 Knit.
Row 7 K1, sk2po, K2tog, sk2po, K1. [5 sts]
 Work 2 rows in garter st, beg with a K row.
Row 10 K1, sk2po, K1. [3 sts]
Row 11 Knit.
Row 12 Sk2po. [1 st]
Cast off.

Sew the Wings at back of the Dress, between the Arms.

HALOS (MAKE 2)

Make a 3.5cm diameter ring with a thin golden wire and pin it to the back of the Head, using image as a guide.

RED HEART

Cast on 3 sts, using 3mm needles and Yarn E.
 Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [6 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]
Row 6 Purl.
Row 7 (Kfb) to end. [24 sts]
 Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Row 11 (Kfb, K1) to end. [36 sts]
 Work 11 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Continue knitting on the first 18 sts, leaving all the rem 18 sts on the needle.

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Row 25 (K4, k2tog) to end. [15 sts]
 Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Row 28 (P3, p2tog) to end. [12 sts]
Cast off.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts.
 Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Row 25 (K2tog, K4) to end. [15 sts]
 Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Row 28 (P2tog, P3) to end. [12 sts]
Cast off.

Sew the seam at the back of the Heart and stuff, to finish. 

Christmas

Deck the halls with this gorgeous selection of Christmas toys. From Santa to a festive mouse, there's plenty to knit



*Fabulous
festive gift
ideas*





**KNIT OUR
TEDDY FOR
BABY'S FIRST
CHRISTMAS**

FESTIVE TED

With his removable Fair Isle jumper, our friendly teddy is not just for Christmas! By **Angela Turner**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar, Snuggly DK (55% nylon, 45% acrylic, 50g/165m)
- 1 ball of each:
 - Yarn A** Whisper (313)
 - Yarn B** Cream (303)
 - Yarn C** Flamenco (242)
- Oddments of black yarn
- A pair of 3mm knitting needles
- Tapestry needle
- 2 stitch holders
- Polyester toy filling
- 3 snap fasteners

For yarn stockists contact
Sirdar at www.sirdar.com

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm square over st st, using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Approx. 35cm tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

CHART KEY

v = Swiss darn (duplicate stitch) using Yarn C

SNOWFLAKE SWISS DARNING CHART

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TEDDY LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 14 sts.

Row 1 Knit.

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. [28 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 37 rows st st.

Cut yarn and place sts on a stitch holder.

Rep with second leg but do not cut yarn at the end.

Next row Knit across second leg then first leg. [56 sts]

St st 33 rows.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row K12, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K24, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K12. [52 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Next row K11, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K22, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K11. [48 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Next row K10, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K20, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K10. [44 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog to end. [22 sts]

HEAD

Next (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. [44 sts]

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [66 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 29 rows.

Next row (K2tog, K4) to end. [55 sts]

Next (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row (K2tog, K3) to end. [44 sts]

Next row (K2tog, K2) to end. [33 sts]

Next row (K2tog, K1) to end. [22 sts]

Next row (K2tog) to end. [11 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through.

Gather round cast-on sts of legs and pull up tightly. Sew seams then

sew seam halfway up back. Gather round sts at top of head and pull

up tightly. Sew seam down head and back, leaving a 6cm gap for

filling. Turn right side out. Stuff head with filling. Stuff legs and body

with filling then sew seam. Use Yarn A to run a line in and out of the

sts along the neck, then pull up tightly and secure at back of neck.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 12 sts.

Row 1 Knit.

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. [24 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 33 rows.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [22 sts]

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows until 10 sts rem.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Next row P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [6 sts]

Rep last 2 rows until 2 sts rem. **Cast off.**

Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam to shaping.

Turn right side out and stuff. Pin arms to side of body starting about

0.5cm below neck then sew in place, adding filling if needed.

SNOUT

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 6 sts.

Row 1 (Inc in next st) twice, K2, (inc in next st) to end. [10 sts]

Next (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, K2, inc in next st, K2, inc in next st, K2, inc in

last st. [14 sts]

Next row Inc in first st, K3, inc in next st, K4, inc in next st, K3, inc in

last st. [18 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 5 rows.

Next row K2tog, K3, k2tog, K4, k2tog, K3, k2tog. [14 sts]

Next (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K2, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K2, k2tog. [10 sts]

Cast off.

Pin in place at front of face, starting about 15 rows up from the last

inc row on head, then sew in position, leaving a small gap. Stuff

muzzle with filling then sew rem gap. Using black yarn, work a line of

1.5cm straight stitches horizontally across top of muzzle for nose.

Work a 3cm line under nose then 2cm to each side of this line for

mouth, curving upward. For eyes, **cast on** 2 sts using black then **cast**

off. Sew eyes in position either side of muzzle, starting about 2 rows

above muzzle, leaving about 10 sts between them.

INNER EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 10 sts.

Work 6 rows st-st.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 12 sts.

Work 6 rows st st.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [10 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [8 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

With right sides facing, place an inner and outer ear together then sew around curved seam. Turn right side out and sew across base. Pin ears either side of head, starting about 2.5cm down from the centre top. Sew to head, curling them slightly as you go.

JUMPER

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 70 sts.

Work 6 rows in 1x1 rib.

Work 2 rows in st st.

Change to Yarn A.

Next row Knit.

Next row (P1 Yarn A, P1 Yarn C) to end.

Change to Yarn A.

Next row Knit.

Change to Yarn B.

St st 3 rows.

Divide for front and back

Row 1 K14, (k2tog) twice, K33, k2tog, turn (and put rem 17 sts on a st holder).

Work on centre 35 sts first.

Next row P35. Put rem 15 sts on a st holder.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [33 sts]

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows until 29 sts rem.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [27 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Rep last 6 rows again. 25 sts.

Divide for neck

Next row K2tog, k7, **cast off** 7 sts, K6, k2tog.

Work on right side first.

Row 1 Purl. [8 sts]

Next row **Cast off** 2 sts, knit to end. [6 sts]

Rep last 2 rows again. [4 sts]

Cast off.

Rejoin yarn to rem sts.

Row 1 **Cast off** 2 sts purlways, purl to end. [6 sts]

Next row Knit.

Rep last 2 rows again. [4 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

Rejoin yarn to first st holder (15 sts) and purl.

Next row Knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [14 sts]

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows again. [13 sts]

Next row Knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [12 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 5 rows.

Rep last 6 rows again. [11 sts]

Next row Knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [10 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row **Cast off** 2 sts, knit to end. [8 sts]

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows until 4 sts.

Cast off.

Rejoin yarn to last set of sts. [17 sts]

Row 1 K2tog, knit to end. [16 sts]

Next row Purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [15 sts]

Next row K2tog, knit to end. [14 sts]

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows again. [13 sts]

Next row K2tog, knit to end. [12 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 5 rows.

Rep last 6 rows again. [11 sts]

Next row K2tog, knit to end. [10 sts]

Next row **Cast off** 2 sts purlways, purl to end. [8 sts]

Next row Knit.

Rep last 2 rows until 4 sts.

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

Find the centre of the jumper front and use Yarn C to Swiss darn the star following the chart, with the base of the star starting on the 4th row up from the Yarn A/Yarn C Fair Isle pattern.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 36 sts.

Work 6 rows in 1x1 rib.

Work 2 rows in st st.

Change to Yarn A.

Next row Knit.

Next row (P1 Yarn A, P1 Yarn C) to end.

Change to Yarn A.

Next row Knit.

Change to Yarn B.

St st 11 rows.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [34 sts]

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows again. [32 sts]

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [30 sts]

Next row P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [28 sts]

Rep last 2 rows until 6 sts.

Cast off.

BORDERS

Using Yarn B, pick up and knit 27 sts along first side.

Work 4 rows in 1x1 rib.

Cast off in rib.

Rep with second side.


NECK BORDER

Join shoulder seams. Starting at top of first border and with right side facing, pick up and knit 4 sts across border, 7 sts across back neck, 21 sts evenly along front, 7 sts across back neck and 4 sts across second border. [43 sts]

Work 2 rows in 1x1 rib.

Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Tie in all loose ends. Sew 3 snap fasteners on borders at back so jumper stays on securely. Press jumper lightly to finish, then dress your teddy bear! 

HORSEY HORSEY

Ring the changes with this colourful
Swedish Dala horse by **Angela Turner**

TRADITIONAL
SCANDI HORSE
GIVEN TO CHILDREN
AS A TOY





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic, 295m/100g)
1 ball in each:
 - Yarn A** Matador (1010)
 - Yarn B** White (1001)
 - Yarn C** Turquoise (1068)
 - Yarn D** Sunshine (1114)
 - Oddments of black yarn for the eyes
 - A pair of 3mm needles
 - Polyester toy filling
- For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft on 01484 848 435 or www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk**

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows over st st using 3mm needles to make a 10cm or 4in square

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

Traditionally, Dala horses are wooden toys but we love Angela's knitted version! Why not make a few in a variety of bright colours and give them to a child as a fun festive playset.



DALA HORSE BODY

Begin at neck using Yarn A and **cast on** 24 sts.

Row 1 (RS) (K1, kfb) three times, K4, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K4, (kfb, K1) to end. [28 sts]

Row 2 (WS) Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, K11, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K11, kfb. [28 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Rep last 2 rows.

Row 7 Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. [30 sts]

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 Kfb in first st, K12, k2tog tbl, k2tog, K12, kfb. [30 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st st.

Row 13 K2tog, K1, k2tog, knit to last 5 sts, k2tog, K1, k2tog. [26 sts]

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 (Kfb, K1) three times, knit to last 6 sts. (K1, kfb) to end. [32 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 11 rows st st.

Next row K2tog, K1, k2tog, K8, kfb, K4, kfb, K8, k2tog, K1, k2tog. [30 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (Kfb, K1) three times, knit to last 6 sts. (K1, kfb) to end. [36 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 7 rows st st.

Next row K14, k2tog, K4, k2tog, K14. [34 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K12, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K12, k2tog. [30 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K11, (k2tog) twice, K11, k2tog. [26 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

Fold in half and sew along rear end seam, then underbelly seam up to neck. Turn RS out and stuff firmly. Sew up rem seam.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 4 sts.

First row (RS) Kfb. [8 sts]

Next row (WS) Purl.

Next row (K1, kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Next row Knit.

Starting with a knit row, work 10 rows st st.

Next row Kfb, knit to last st, inc. [14 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st st.

Rep last 4 rows again. [16 sts]

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [14 sts]

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows till 12 sts, then first one again. [10 sts]

Next row Cast off 4 sts, purl to end. [6 sts]

Next row Cast off 4 sts, knit to end. [2 sts]

Cast off rem 2 sts.

Gather up sts from cast on edge and pull up tightly. Sew seam to first dec row.

Turn RS out and stuff with filling. Pin legs in place on body and then sew when in correct position so the horse stands up.

HEAD

Using Yarn A **cast on** 3 sts.

First row (RS) Kfb to end. [6 sts]

Next row (WS) Purl.

Next row (K1, kfb) to end. [9 sts]

Next row Knit.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2, kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K3, kfb) to end. [15 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 7 rows.

Next row (K4, kfb) twice, K2, turn. [17 sts]

Next row P9, turn.

Next row K10, turn.

Next row P11, turn.

Next row K2, kfb, K4, inc in next st, K4, turn. [19 sts]

Next row P15, turn.

Next row K16, turn.

Next row P17, turn.

Next row (K2, kfb) to last 3 sts, knit to end. [24 sts]



We've used traditional Dala horse colours but you can pick your own combination of shades to make yours unique

- Next row Purl.
- Next row Knit.
- Next row Purl.
- Next row (K3, kfb) to end. [30 sts]
- Next row Purl.
- Next row Knit.
- Next row Purl.
- Next row Knit to last 6 sts, turn.
- Next row P18, turn.
- Next row Knit to last 5 sts, turn.
- Next row P20, turn.
- Next row Knit to last 4 sts, turn.
- Next row P22, turn.

Cont to include a st from each needle onto main sts in this way till all sts are included.

Cast off.

- 1 Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Join seam for 2cm.
- 2 Fold face to make a dart on each side and sew tog.
- 3 Sew rem seam to cast off edge.
- 4 Turn right side out and stuff with filling.
- 5 Place head on body over neck shaping of body. Sew seam of head starting 2cm down from tip of neck shaping around body, adding some filling if necessary.
- 6 Tie in all loose ends securely.
- 7 Using a length of black yarn, make a French knot for each eye, about 12 rows up from g st edge of muzzle and with 6 sts between each eye.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Start at tip of ear using Yarn A and **cast on** 4 sts.

- Row 1** (RS) Kfb, K1, kfb, K1. [6 sts]
- Row 2** (WS) Purl.
- Row 3** K1, kfb, K1, inc in next st, K2. [8 sts]
- Row 4** Purl.
- Row 5** K2, kfb, K1, inc in next st, K3. [10 sts]
- Row 6** Purl.

Cast off.

- 1 Fold ears in half lengthways and sew seam together.
- 2 Turn right side out and oversew cast off edges tog.
- 3 Pin in place on head with seam to front starting at the uppermost part of the face shaping.
- 4 Sew in place so ears are pointing forward.

SADDLE

Using Yarn C, **cast on** 55 sts loosely.

- Row 1** Knit.
 - Row 2** K1, (yfwd, P1, p3tog, P1, yfwd, K1) to end.
- Change to Yarn B.
- Row 3** Purl.
 - Row 4** (K3, k2tog) to end. [44 sts]
 - Row 5** Purl.
 - Row 6** (K2, k2tog) to end. [33 sts]
 - Row 7** Purl.
 - Row 8** (K1, k2tog) to end. [22 sts]
 - Row 9** Purl.
 - Row 10** (K2tog) to end. [11 sts] **Cast off** purlways.

- 1 Fold cast off sts in half and sew across seam. Turn right side out.
- 2 Thread a needle with a long length of Yarn D and tie a knot at the ends so that the yarn is doubled.
- 3 In each Yarn B 'triangle' of shaping within the saddle work a daisy chain st. Now work a small straight st in Yarn A in the centre of each Yarn D st.
- 4 Using a single strand of Yarn C, work a small daisy chain st at the top of each Yarn B 'triangle'. Tie in all loose ends.
- 5 Place saddle on horse's back so that the seam runs down the back and the turquoise edge meets the base of the head. Pin in place.

SADDLE STRAPS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B **cast on** 21 sts.

First row (RS) Knit.

Next row (WS) (P1 Yarn B, p1 Yarn C) to last st, carrying yarn not in use across WS, p1 Yarn B.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

- 1 Using a length of Yarn D, work a little running st along the top and bottom of strap.
- 2 Place one strap on horse's underbelly and sew in place then place the other across chest and sew in place.
- 3 Pulling the saddle down slightly so that the straps are hidden underneath a little, sew the saddle in place securely.

MANE

Using Yarn D **cast on** 19 sts loosely.

Row 1 Knit

Row 2 K1, (y fwd, P1, p3tog, P1, y fwd, K1) to end.

Row 3 Purl.

Change to Yarn B and rep row 2 and 3.

Change to Yarn C and rep row 2 and 3.

Change to Yarn A and rep row 2 and 3.

Now rep stripe patt again.

Change to Yarn D.

Next row Purl.

Next row K1, (P1, p3tog, P1, K1) to end.

13 sts

Change to Yarn B.

Next row Purl.

Next row K1, (y fwd, p3tog, y fwd, K1) to end.

to end.

Cast off purlways.

ADDING THE MANE AND HEAD DECORATION

1 Place mane on horse with cast off edge to top of head just behind ears. Pin in place, stretching the bottom of the mane round the horse as you get nearer the bottom and then sew in place securely.

2 Thread a needle with a length of Yarn B. Working in back st, sew a circle of small sts two rows up from the edge of muzzle then a line going from this line on each side of face to ear. Finally, work a row of backstitch from half way up this line, down and under muzzle where head meets body and up to line on other side of face.

3 Using daisy chain stitch, sew a curved line starting from the last backstitch line made on one side of face, up to mane then following the mane down to bottom of neck and curve under.



The colourful detail on the horse's saddle is created with a combination of daisy chain stitches and straight stitches



The horse's mane is created by working two rows of pattern in each different colour

4 Rep this chain st curved line on the opposite side of the horse then make a small curved line under the mane on the back of the horse's neck about 5sts long.

5 Ensure all loose ends are tied in securely to finish. 🧶

SQUEAK, SQUEAK

There's a mouse in the house! Not to worry, it's **Monica Fuertes'** sweet design and she's all ready to celebrate the festivities in her jolly holly jumper



CREATE AN
HEIRLOOM
DECORATION FOR
CHRISTMAS



EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

□ Any DK yarn in:

Yarn A White

Yarn B Pink

Yarn C Red

Yarn D Green

- A pair of 3mm needles
- 2 black glass eyes, 5mm in diameter
- 1 black glass eye, 7mm in diameter (for the nose)
- 30g toy stuffing

TENSION

25 sts and 33 rows to 10x10cm over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

16cm (6¼ in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130



CHRISTMAS MOUSE HEAD

Note Begins at the muzzle.

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [6 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 2 rows.

Row 4 P2, (pfb) twice, P2. [8 sts]

Row 5 K2, (kfb) 4 times, P2. [12 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 (Kfb) to end. [24 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 6 rows.

Row 14 (P2tog, P3) to last 4 sts, p2tog, P2. [19 sts]

Row 15 Knit.

Row 16 (P2tog, P2) to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1. [14 sts]

Row 17 Knit.

Row 18 (P2tog) to end. [7 sts]

Row 19 (K2tog) to last st, K1. [4 sts]

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Sew the Head and stuff it, matching shape to image. Introduce a little ball of stuffing at the cheeks. Sew the 5mm glass eyes in place for the eyes and the 7mm glass eye in place for the nose, using image as a guide. Embroider the cheeks with Yarn B.

LEGS AND BODY

RIGHT LEG

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 2 rows.

Row 4 P3, p2tog, sk2po, p2tog, P2. [8 sts]

Row 5 K3, k2tog, K3. [7 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 9 rows.

Place these 7 sts on a stitch holder and make the Left Leg.

LEFT LEG

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 2 rows.

Row 4 P2, p2tog, sk2po, p2tog, P3. [8 sts]

Row 5 K3, k2tog, K3. [7 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 9 rows.

BODY

Place the two legs onto one needle, with RS facing. [14 sts]

Continue with Yarn A.

Row 15 **Cast on** 4 sts, knit to end, turn work, **cast on** 4 sts. [22 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Break off Yarn A and join in Yarn C.

Knit 2 rows.

Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Row 24 (P2tog, P3) to last 2 sts, p2tog. [17 sts]

Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 2 rows.

Row 27 (K2tog, K2) to last 5 sts, k2tog, K3. [13 sts]

Row 28 Purl.

Row 29 K2tog, K9, k2tog. [11 sts]

Row 30 Purl.

Row 31 K4, sk2po, K4. [9 sts]

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Sew up the Legs and Body at back and stuff them. Sew the Body to the Head. Using the image as a guide, embroider around the hemline of the jumper. Embroider 3 leaves together using lazy daisy stitch and Yarn D. Using Yarn C, embroider French knots at the centre of each group of leaves.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [6 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 4 rows.

Break off Yarn A and join in Yarn C.

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 10 rows.

Row 16 P2tog, P2, p2tog. [4 sts]

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Sew up and stuff the Arms just a little bit. Sew the Arms to both sides of the Body. Repeat the green leaves and the red French knots at each cuff of the jumper to decorate it, as with the jumper hemline.

OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [6 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb, K1) to end. [9 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 4 rows.

Row 8 (P2tog, P1) to end. [6 sts]

Row 9 Knit.

Row 10 (P2tog) to end. [3 sts]

Cast off.

INNER EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [6 sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 2 rows.

Row 4 (P2tog) to end. [3 sts]

Cast off.

FINISHING

Sew Inner and Outer ears together and sew to the top of the Head.

TAIL

Using Yarn A, make a cord 8.5cm long, using preferred method.

Sew to the back of the Mouse, just below jumper hemline. 🐭

LITTLE ST NICK

Angela Turner's teeny-tiny Santa Claus is a perfectly pocket-sized project!

SWEET
STOCKING FILLER
FOR KIDS OF
ALL AGES




IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS
YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
1 ball in each:
Yarn A Graphite (1063)
Yarn B Fuchsia Purple (1827)
Yarn C Silver (1203)
Yarn D Black (1002)
Yarn E Apricot (1026)
Yarn F Claret (shade 1123)
Yarn G White (shade 1001)
- Schachenmayr Brazilia (100% acrylic, 50g/90m)
1 ball in **Yarn H** Weiss (00001)
- 1 x 30cm length of yellow DK yarn (for belt buckle)
- A pair of 3mm needles

- Polyester toy stuffing
- 2 black beads 6mm in diameter
- Red colouring pencil

For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft on 01484 848 435 or www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows over st st using 3mm needles to make a 10cm or 4in square

MEASUREMENTS

20cm (8in) tall (head to toe)

ABBREVIATIONS

K1A Knit 1 using Yarn A
For a full list of abbreviations see page 130



"With his winter boots and cosy, fur-trimmed cape, this little Santa is more than ready for a busy night spent delivering presents!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR


SANTA CLAUS BOOTS AND LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 7 sts.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Next row (RS) Kfb in every st. [14 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 4 rows.

Next row (WS) P2, (p2tog) five times, P2. [9 sts]

Starting with a knit row, st st 2 rows.

Change to Yarn B.

Starting with a knit row, st st 2 rows.

Change to Yarn C.

Starting with a knit row, st st 2 rows.

Rep last 2 rows again.

Next row (K2tog) twice, K1, (k2tog) twice. [5 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

1 Fold foot in half lengthways and sew seam along foot and up leg.

2 Turn right side out and with seam at back, stuff with filling lightly.

3 Sew remaining seam.

BODY AND HEAD

Using Yarn B, **cast on** 7 sts.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Next row (RS) Kfb in every st. [14 sts]

Change to Yarn C.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [21 sts]

Change to Yarn B.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2, inc in next st) to end. [28 sts]

Keeping stripe patt correct, starting with a purl row st st 6 rows.

Change to Yarn D.

Next row Purl.

Cont in Yarn B only.

Starting with a knit row, st st 8 rows.

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [21 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [14 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2tog) to end. [7 sts]

Next row Purl.

Change to Yarn E.

Next row Kfb in every st. [14 sts]

Next (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row Kfb in every st. [28 sts]

Next row (K1, kfb) to end. [42 sts]

Starting with a purl row, st st 17 rows.

Next row (K4, k2tog) to end. [35 sts]

Next (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. [28 sts]

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [21 sts]

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [14 sts]

Next row (K2tog) to end. [7 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through.

MAKING UP

1 Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly and sew up the seam of the body.

2 Turn the body right side out and stuff with filling firmly.

3 Sew the head seam, leaving a gap. Stuff with filling then sew the rem seam.

4 With seam at the back, pin the legs in position at the sides of body with about 3cm (1in) space between them at base of body. Check they are even when looking at front then sew in position securely.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, **cast on** 4 sts.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.



Santa's big, cosy, fur-trimmed hood can be pulled up and down to reveal his snowy white hair

Next row (RS) Kfb in every st. [8 sts]
Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows. Change to Yarn B.
Starting with a knit row, st st 12 rows.
Next row K2tog to end. [4 sts]
Cut yarn and thread through.

MAKING UP

1 Gather round **cast on** sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam, leaving a small gap at top of arm.
2 Turn right side out and stuff lightly.
3 Pin arms in place at sides of body in line with legs about 3mm down from neck. Sew in position securely.

ADDING THE EYES

Sew two beads in place on the head for eyes, starting eight rows up from inc row and with about 8 sts in between them. Pull the threads tightly at the back to help make indentations for the eyes. Check they are even and secure at back of head.

MAKING THE NOSE

To make nose, **cast on** 4 sts using Yarn E.
Work 3 rows st st then p2tog twice.

1 Cut the yarn and thread through. Sew the yarn gently through all sts on edges then pull up gently. Add a little filling. Pull up tightly and then sew together.
2 Pin nose in centre of face, just below eye level then sew in place. Use the edge of a red colouring pencil to gently work some soft circles for cheeks and on the nose. Use a length of Yarn G to work an upside down V above each eye for eyebrows.

BELT BUCKLE

Cut a length of yellow DK yarn and twist the ends to show individual strands. Twist gently to unravel. Using one strand only, work a square of sts round centre st in black stripe. Secure at back.

BEARD

Using Yarn G, **cast on** 12 sts.
Row 1 Knit to last 3 sts, turn.
Next row Knit to end.
Next row Knit to last 6 sts, turn.
Next row Knit to end.
Next row Cast off 2 sts, knit to end. [10 sts]
Next row Knit to end. Cast on 2 sts. [12 sts]
Next row Knit to last 3 sts, turn.
Next row Knit to end.
Next row Knit to last 6 sts, turn.
Next row Knit to end.
Cast off.

Place under the nose with the long end pointing downwards. Sew in position securely.

HAIR

Using Yarn G, **cast on** 14 sts.
Row 1 Knit to last 3 sts, turn.
Next row Knit to end.
Next row Knit to last 6 sts, turn.
Next row Knit to end.
Next row Cast off 2 sts, knit to end. [12 sts]
Next row Knit to end.
Cast on 2 sts. [14 sts]
Rep last 6 rows 14 times. **Cast off.**

MAKING UP

Gather round centre sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam then turn right side out. Place on Head and sew in position securely.

HOOD

Using Yarn H, **cast on** 60 sts.
Knit 2 rows.
Change to Yarn F.
Starting with a knit row, st st 12 rows.
Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [58 sts]
Next row Purl.
Rep last 2 rows till 48 sts rem.
Cast off.
Fold Hood in half and sew back seam.

CLOAK

Using Yarn H, **cast on** 60 sts.
Garter st 2 rows.
Change to Yarn F.
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Next row K2, purl to last 2 sts, K2.
Rep last 2 rows five times more.
Next row (K3, k2tog). [48 sts]
Next (and every alt) row K2, purl to last 2 sts, K2.
Next row (K2, k2tog). [36 sts]
Next row (K1, k2tog). [24 sts]
Next row (K2tog). [12 sts]
Cast off purlwise.

MAKING UP

Gather round base of Hood and pull up gently. Sew cast off sts of Cloak to base of Hood. Place on Head and over Body. Sew securely around Neck and around Hood. Tie in all the loose ends, to finish. 🧶

SWEET TREATS

Experiment with ric rac, felt and ribbon when you add the essential details to these delicious gingerbread friends. By **Monica Fuertes**

VINTAGE
STYLE KNITS WITH
SUPER-SWEET
DETAILS!



* GINGERBREAD DOLLS



EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball of each:
- Yarn A** Walnut (0927)
- Yarn B** Bright Lemon (0819)
- Yarn C** White (0961)
- Yarn D** Ladybird (0698)
- Yarn E** Chocolate (0947)
- A pair of 3mm knitting needles
- 3 stitch holders
- 4 black glass eye beads,
5mm in diameter
- Polyester toy filling
- White ric rac, 2m
- Red ric rac, 70cm
- 2 small red buttons

- Narrow red ribbon, 50cm
 - 4-ply yarn or embroidery thread in red
 - Square of white felt, 6x6cm
 - Large-holed sewing needle
- For yarn stockists contact Sirdar at www.sirdar.com**

TENSION

25 sts and 33 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4 in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

20cm (8in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 130



MASTER GINGERBREAD HEAD

Cast on 20 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 20 times. [40 sts]

Rows 2 to 21 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 22 (P2tog) 20 times. [20 sts]

Break yarn.

FRONT

Row 23 Slip first 5 sts on to a holder, rejoin yarn and **cast on** 8 sts, K18, place rem 5 unworked sts on a second holder. [18 sts]

*****Row 24** **Cast on** 8 sts, purl to end. [26 sts]

Row 25 (Kfb) 26 times. [52 sts]

Rows 26 to 37 Starting with a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 38 (P2tog) 8 times, P20, (p2tog) 8 times. [36 sts]

Row 39 **Cast off** 8 sts, knit to end. [28 sts]

Row 40 **Cast off** 8 sts, purl to end. [20 sts]

Rows 41 to 48 Starting with a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 49 Kfb, K18, kfb. [22 sts]

Rows 50 to 56 Starting with a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 57 **Cast on** 6 sts, knit to end. [28 sts]

Row 58 **Cast on** 6 sts, (kfb) 6 times, P11, place rem 17 sts on hold. [23 sts]

Rows 59 to 72 Starting with a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 73 (K2tog, K1) 7 times, k2tog. [15 sts]

Cast off.

With WS facing, rejoin Yarn A to held 17 sts.

Row 58 P11, (kfb) 6 times. [23 sts]

Rows 59 to 72 Starting with a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 73 (K2tog, K1) 7 times, k2tog. [15 sts]

Cast off.

BACK

Row 23 With RS facing, rejoin yarn to 2 sets of 5 held sts, K10. [10 sts]

Complete as for Front from ***.

HAT

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 **Cast on** 6 sts, knit to end. [16 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Join in Yarn C.

Rows 5 and 6 With Yarn C, K10, turn.

Rows 7 and 8 With Yarn C, K16.

Rows 9 and 10 With Yarn D, K10, turn.

Rows 11 and 12 With Yarn D, K16.

Rep Rows 5 to 12 a further 8 times, then rep Rows 5 to 8 once more.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

1 Join the row edges at the back of the Head and stuff, taking care to make the right shape. Join the Front to the Back leaving a hole for stuffing. Stuff lightly and close remainder of seam.

2 From white felt cut 2 small flowers of 5 petals each and attach these to the face. Attach the eye beads firmly using the photograph as a guide.

3 Embroider the hair with Yarn B. Embroider the nose as a French knot between the eyes using Yarn E. Embroider the mouth with red 4 ply or embroidery thread.

4 Decorate the body by attaching the white ric rac and tiny red buttons at the front of the trousers using the photograph as a guide. Thread Yarn A onto a large-holed sewing needle and weave a length around the neck, pull tightly and fasten off to create neck.

5 Join the row edges at the back of the Hat. Make a small pompom with Yarn C and attach it to the top of the Hat. Secure the Hat to the Head with a few stitches.

MISS GINGERBREAD HEAD AND FRONT

Starting at the Head:

Cast on 20 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end [40 sts].

Work Rows 1 to 40 as given for Master Gingerbread. [20 sts]

******Row 41** Knit.

Row 42 Kfb, P18, kfb. [22 sts]

Rows 43 to 44 Starting with a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 45 Kfb, K20, kfb. [24 sts]

Rows 46 to 47 Starting with a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 48 Kfb, P22, kfb. [26 sts]

Rows 49 to 50 Starting with a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 51 Kfb, K24, kfb. [28 sts]

Rows 52 to 53 Starting with a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 54 Kfb, P26, kfb. [30 sts]

Rows 55 to 56 Starting with a RS knit row, work in st st.

Rows 57 to 58 Purl.

Cast off.

BACK

Row 23 With RS facing, rejoin yarn to 2 sets of 5 held sts, K10. [10 sts]

Work Rows 24 to 40 as given for Master Gingerbread. [20 sts]

Complete as for Front from ****.

FEET (MAKE 2)

Cast on 15 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 15 times. [30 sts]

Rows 2 to 11 Starting with a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 12 P2tog, P26, p2tog. [28 sts]

Row 13 K2tog, K24, k2tog. [26 sts]

Row 14 P2tog, P22, p2tog. [24 sts]

Row 15 K2tog, K20, k2tog. [22 sts]

Cast off.

HAIR

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb, K1) 10 times. [30 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 Kfb, K27, kfb, K1. [32 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 Kfb, K29, kfb, K1. [34 sts]

Rows 8 to 10 Starting with a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 11 K13, turn, leaving rem 21 sts on hold. [13 sts]

Rows 12 to 23 Starting with a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to held 21 sts.

Row 11 Cast off 8 sts, knit to end. [13 sts]

Rows 12 to 23 Starting with a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

- 1 Join the row edges at the back of the Head and stuff, taking care to make the right shape.
- 2 Join the Front to the Back leaving a hole for stuffing. Stuff lightly and close remainder of seam.
- 3 From white felt cut 2 small flowers of 5 petals each and attach these to the face. Attach the eye beads firmly using the photograph as a guide.
- 4 Embroider the nose as a French knot between the eyes using Yarn E. Embroider the mouth with red 4ply or embroidery thread.
- 5 Decorate the body by attaching the white and red ric rac. Tie the red ribbon around the waist and make a bow at the back. Thread Yarn A onto a large-holed sewing needle and weave a length around the neck, pull tightly and fasten off to create neck.
- 6 Seam the feet and stuff lightly. Attach them to the hemline of the dress.
- 7 Join row edges at the back of the Hair. Put the Hair on the Head like a wig, secure with a few sts and attach a pigtail with Yarn B to each side of the face using the photograph as a guide. Decorate pigtails with a bow in red ribbon. 🧶



For a vintage look, cut flower shapes out of white felt and fix them behind the eye beads



Simple shaping and stitches allow for clever 'icing' details with ric rac and ribbon



QUICK KNOT
POLAR BEAR
PERFECT FOR
CUDDLES!

FROSTY FEET

Cast on this quick and easy Christmas gift – his padded paws and snuggly scarf make him the cutest bear around. By **Monica Fuertes**



EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
- 1 ball of each:
 - Yarn A** White (1001)
 - Yarn B** Black (1002)
 - Yarn C** Matador (1010)
 - Yarn D** Kelly Green (1826)

- A pair of 4mm needles
- 2 brown glass eyes, 13mm in diameter
- Tapestry needle
- 140g toy stuffing

**For yarn stockists contact
Stylecraft on 01484 848 435
or www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk**

TENSION

16 sts and 24 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using
4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

K1A Knit 1 using Yarn A
For a full list see page 130

TOP TIP

With his cuddly shape and lovely details, this toy will appeal to children of all ages. If making it for a very young child, knit the eyes instead and secure the scarf with a few stitches.

**POLAR BEAR
HEAD, PAWS AND BODY**

Begin at the muzzle:

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [16 sts]

Work 7 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Row 9 K3, (kfb, K1) 5 times, K3. [21 sts]

Row 10 Purl.

Row 11 K3, (kfb, K1) 8 times, K2. [29 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Row 15 K5, (kfb, K1) 9 times, kfb, K5. [39 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Row 19 K5, (kfb, K1) 4 times, K14, (kfb, K1) 4 times, K4. [47 sts]

Work 7 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Row 27 K4, (k2tog, K1) 4 times, K15, (k2tog, K1) 4 times, K4. [39 sts]

Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Row 34 (P2tog, P1) 4 times, P15, (P1, p2tog) 4 times. [31 sts]

Row 35 K2tog, K27, k2tog. [29 sts]

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Continue knitting to make the Body:

Row 38 (WS) (Kfb, P1) to last st, kfb. [44 sts]

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a knit row.

Row 41 K44, **cast on** 16 sts (Front Paw). [60 sts]

Row 42 P36, kfb, P1, kfb, P21, **cast on** 16 sts (Front Paw). [78 sts]

Row 43 Knit.

Row 44 P37, kfb, P1, kfb, P38. [80 sts]

Row 45 Knit.

Row 46 P38, kfb, P1, kfb, P39. [82 sts]

Row 47 Knit.

Row 48 P39, p2tog, p2tog, P39. [80 sts]

Row 49 Knit.

Row 50 P38, p2tog, p2tog, P38. [78 sts]

Row 51 Knit.

Row 52 P37, p2tog, p2tog, P37. [76 sts]

Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a knit row.

Row 59 **Cast off** 15, K61. [61 sts]

Row 60 **Cast off** 15, P46. [46 sts]

Row 61 K2tog, K42, k2tog. [44 sts]

Row 62 Purl.

Row 63 Kfb, K42, kfb. [46 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Row 67 Kfb, K44, kfb. [48 sts]

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Row 72 P48, **cast on** 12 sts (Back Paw). [60 sts]

Row 73 K60, **cast on** 12 sts (Back Paw). [72 sts]

Work 11 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Row 85 K25, (k2tog, K2) 5 times, k2tog, K25. [66 sts]

Row 86 Purl.

Row 87 K23, (k2tog, K1) 7 times, K22. [59 sts]

Row 88 Purl.

Row 89 K22, (k2tog) 7 times, K23. [52 sts]

Cast off.

INTERIOR PART OF LEGS AND BELLY

Begin at bottom:

Cast on 40 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Work 16 rows in st st, beg with a knit row.

Row 17 **Cast off** 13 sts, K27. [27 sts]

Row 18 **Cast off** 13 sts, P14. [14 sts]

Work 15 rows in st st, beg with a knit row.

Row 34 P14, **cast on** 16 sts. [30 sts]

Row 35 K30, **cast on** 16 sts. [46 sts]

Work 17 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Row 53 **Cast off** 16 sts, K30. [30 sts]

Row 54 **Cast off** 16 sts, P14. [14 sts]

Row 55 K2tog, K10, k2tog. [12 sts]

Row 56 P2tog, P8, p2tog. [10 sts]

Row 57 K2tog, K6, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 58 P2tog, P4, p2tog. [6 sts]

Row 59 K2tog, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Cast off.

1 Sew the Head and stuff it, making the right shape.

2 Using image as a guide, introduce two little balls of stuffing to both sides of the face to make the cheeks.

3 Using image as a guide, sew on the eyes.

4 Sew the interior and exterior sections together. Stuff the Bear through the holes at the base of the paws. Sew them to the feet.



NOSE

Cast on 3 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb, K1) to end. [6 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, K3, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Cast off.

Using image as a guide, sew the black Nose over the end of the white muzzle.

FEET (MAKE 4)

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K4, kfb. [8 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Row 5 Kfb, K6, kfb. [10 sts]

Work 23 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Cast off.

Fold Foot piece at about Row 8 or 9 approx, and sew on both sides, stuff the feet and sew them at the end of the stuffed legs. Using Yarn B and a tapestry needle embroider the fingers using image as a guide.

FOOTPRINTS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 3 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [6 sts]

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Cast off.

Sew footprints at base of the Feet and embroider the spots with Yarn A and a large-eyed needle, using image as a guide.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [6 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) to end. [18 sts]

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Cast off.

Sew the ears to the Head, using image as a guide.

TAIL

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb, K1) to end. [6 sts]

Work 15 rows in st st, beg with a purl row.

Row 17 (K2tog, K1) to end. [4 sts]

Cast off.

Fold the Tail in half lengthwise and sew it to the Polar Bear's bottom.

CANDY CANE SCARF

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (RS) K1A, K4C, K1A. [6 sts]

Row 2 P4C, P2A. [6 sts]

Row 3 K1C, K2A, P3C. [6 sts]

Row 4 P2C, P2A, P2C. [6 sts]

Row 5 K3C, K2A, K1C. [6 sts]

Row 6 P2A, P4C. [6 sts]

Repeat Rows 1-6 until Scarf meas 75cm.

Cast off.

Join the two sides of the Scarf sewing them carefully to match the colours of the stripes to make a tubular shape.

Using Yarn C make two pompoms 2.5cm in diameter and sew them at ends of the Scarf.

GREEN LEAVES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (RS) K1, (kfb) 6 times, K1. [14 sts]

Cast off.

Fold the Leaves at the middle and sew them together over the Scarf to decorate it, using image as a guide.

LITTLE RED BALLS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [4 sts]

Row 2 P1, kfb, kfb, P1. [6 sts]


Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 P1, p2tog, p2tog, P1. [4 sts]

Row 5 (K2tog) to end. [2 sts]

Row 6 P2tog. [1 st]

Cast off.

Sew into a ball shape and add to the green leaves. 



EXPERT GUIDE TO KNITTING TOYS

Get to grips with the basic techniques or just have a refresher! But first, here are 10 top tips from toy designer, **Angela Turner**

1 Use natural daylight: sit near a window or glass door to get as much natural light as possible. It allows you to see more clearly as well as view colour combinations accurately.

2 Sew seams with a tapestry needle to avoid sharp needle ends catching on the fibres. Use a long sewing needle to attach pieces that have to go through the body of a toy so that it's easier to pull through the other side.

3 Add details with embroidery thread or if you don't have the right shade, carefully separate out the strands of a short length and sew with an embroidery needle.

4 Sew in safety toy eyes, or beads, for eyes to give a neater finish rather than knitting or sewing pieces on – it can be difficult to get the eyes the same.

5 Always use good quality toy filling, and add in small pieces at a time – this will avoid lumps and bumps in your finished toy.

6 Long T-pins for blocking lace are great for positioning pieces on a toy to allow you to adjust the pieces before sewing. Alternatively, use pearl headed pins. Avoid pins for sewing as they can disappear through the fabric of the knitted piece!



Smaller knitting needles create a denser fabric and stop the filling showing through



7 Buy a variety of colours in the yarn range you're using, to make sure you have a choice of shades when you need them. Acrylics usually make the best knitted fabrics for toys as they do not stretch as much as natural yarns. They also wash well in the washing machine.

8 Use smaller-sized knitting needles than those recommended on the yarn ball so that the knitted fabric is tighter – it should be able to hold toy stuffing without the stuffing showing through. Knitting needles sized 3mm or thinner when using DK yarn are ideal.

9 Look out for short needles, as it is often more comfortable to use these when knitting lots of small pieces.

10 Adapting toys to individualise them is a great idea. If you're not sure if your adapted pieces are quite right with the rest of your toy, leave it until the next day. Often, a fresh pair of eyes will allow you to see things in a different light.

HOW TO CAST ON

Create your first row of stitches on the needle

The first technique you need to learn in knitting is casting on. There are many different ways to cast on, but here we'll show you two easy methods to get started.

If you're right-handed, you'll cast your stitches on to the left-hand needle. If you're left-handed, you can either knit 'right-handed' and follow the instructions

accordingly, or mirror them and cast your stitches on to the right-hand needle. To practise casting on, use double knitting yarn and a pair of 4mm needles, and cast on 22 stitches.

When you cast on, the stitches you create should be firm. If they're too loose, the edge of your fabric will flare; too tight and the bottom of your fabric will pull in

and pucker. If you find that your cast-on is tight, use the next largest needle size up, just for the cast-on. If it's too loose, opt for a smaller needle size instead.

Don't worry if your cast-on row looks uneven when you first try it. Practice makes perfect, so pull all the yarn off the needle and have another go. Once you can cast on, you can get going!

KNIT-ON METHOD

Also called the English method. Use it for a firm edge, and when adding stitches on mid-row



1 Make a slipknot. Insert the right-hand needle into the slipknot, as if to knit – insert the tip into the front of the stitch, from left to right.



2 Wrap the ball end of yarn anti-clockwise (from right to left) around the point of the right-hand needle.



3 Pull the loop of yarn through the slipknot with the right-hand needle. Slip this loop over the tip of the left-hand needle.



4 Repeat steps 1-3, inserting the needle into the newest stitch, until you have the right number of stitches. Try 22 stitches to start with.

THE BASIC KNIT STITCH

This simple stitch is the foundation of all your knitting

Once you've learned to cast on some stitches, you can practise knitting them. If you know a knitter, ask them to cast on for you so you can try knitting before learning to cast on.

The knit stitch is the most important stitch you'll learn. It forms the basis of every other stitch, there are plenty of patterns that use nothing else, and the good news is that it's really easy!

To practise the knit stitch, you'll need to have cast on some stitches onto your left-hand needle (if you're right-handed), or your right-hand needle if you want to knit left-handedly.

We recommend you use double knitting (DK) yarn and a pair of 4mm needles. About 22 stitches is a good number to cast on and practise with. When you knit to the end of the first row,

all your stitches will now be on the right-hand needle (if you're right-handed). Swap the needles over and you'll be ready to knit the second row. Keep going in this way until you feel comfortable with the technique – 28 rows is a good number and should form a square. Don't worry if it looks uneven or a bit holey – practice makes perfect. Cast on some more stitches and have another go.



1 Hold the needle with the stitches on it in your left hand. Keeping the yarn in your right hand and at the back of your work, insert the point of the right needle into the front loop of the first stitch, bottom to top.



2 Wind the yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the right-hand needle using your index finger. It's important to keep the yarn in your right hand relatively taut to maintain an even tension as you go.



3 Bring the right-hand needle through the loop, towards the front of your work, being sure to catch the yarn you wound around the needle. This creates the stitch. Don't pull the free yarn too tightly, let out some slack.



4 Push the right needle further through the new stitch, then move the right needle to your right, taking the original loop off the left needle. You've created one knit stitch. Repeat steps 1-4 across the row.

THE BASIC PURL STITCH

The perfect companion to rows of knit stitches

Once you've learned the knit stitch, you'll find the purl stitch easy peasy. To make purl stitches, you just reverse the action of making plain knit stitches.

To practise the purl stitch, cast on some stitches onto your left needle (if you're right-handed). We recommend you use double knitting (DK) yarn, a pair of 4mm needles and about 22 stitches to

practise with. Follow the instructions below, then once you get to the end of the first row, all your stitches will be on the right-hand needle. Swap the needles over and you'll be ready for the second row.

Purling will feel different because you're working at the front of the needles rather than at the back, so keep going until you feel happy that you've got it and you're comfortable with the technique

– 28 rows is a good number and should form a square. Don't worry if it looks uneven – you can unpick your stitches, cast on some more and have another go.

If you alternate rows of knitting and purling like this, you'll create stocking stitch. If you purl every row, because purl stitches are like knit stitches worked in reverse, you'll create garter stitch again!



1 Holding the needle with all the stitches in your left hand, and ensuring that the yarn is at the front of your work, insert the right-hand needle from right to left through the front loop of the stitch, as shown.



2 Wind the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle from right to left, in an anti-clockwise motion, constantly keeping a slight tension on the yarn.



3 Now move the right-hand needle back through the stitch, behind the left-hand needle, ensuring that you catch the loop of yarn that you've wound around the needle. This creates a stitch on your right needle.



4 Pushing the point of the right needle a little further through the stitch you've created, pull the original stitch up and off the left-hand needle. That's your first purl stitch! Repeat steps 1-4 across the row.

HOW TO CAST OFF

Here's how to finish off your knitted piece

Now you've learned how to cast on, you've mastered the knit stitch and made some garter stitch fabric, it's time to finish off your piece of knitting to give a neat edge – this is called casting off, the opposite of casting on. Some patterns will call it 'binding off' instead – these are usually US ones. When you come to the end of your knitted item, it's important to cast

off properly, to make sure all the knitted loops you've worked don't unravel.

There are lots of different ways to cast off, but the one shown below is the simplest cast-off technique and the one that you'll use most. To practise casting off, you'll need to cast on some stitches onto your left needle – about 22 stitches is a good number to practise with, using double knitting (DK) yarn and a pair of

4mm needles. Then just knit a couple of rows in garter stitch before casting off all the stitches. Remember to try not to hold your needles too tightly or to pull the stitches too tightly as you go. If the cast-off is too tight, it will bunch up and won't lie flat. Don't worry if your casting off looks uneven – just try again. Undo your work, cast on some more stitches, and give it another go.



1 Start by knitting the first two stitches of the row as normal, but don't go any further along as you usually would.



2 Insert the left-hand needle through the first stitch on the right-hand needle, as shown. Lift this stitch over the other stitch on the right-hand needle and off the needle point.



3 Knit another stitch so you have two on the right needle again. Use the left needle to lift the first stitch over the second stitch, as shown in step 2. Repeat this process all the way to the end of the row.



4 When you only have one stitch left on the right-hand needle, cut the yarn about 15cm (6in) away. Feed it through the last stitch and pull through firmly to fasten off.

DECREASE: K2TOG

This right-sloping decrease is as simple as the knit stitch

The easiest decrease to make when you're knitting is a k2tog, which means 'knit two stitches together'. This reduces your stitch count by one stitch. You can see below that the technique is worked in the same way as a knit stitch is worked, but the right-hand needle is inserted into two stitches on the left needle, rather than just one stitch.

This stitch creates a decrease that slopes to the right, so it's best used at the end of a row, although you'll also find it used in lace patterns, where it's often used in pattern repeats all along the row.

Cast on some stitches, with double knitting (DK) yarn and a pair of 4mm needles. About 22 stitches is a good number to practise with. Knit the first

row, and purl the second row. On the next row, knit all the stitches until you reach the last two, then k2tog. Purl all the stitches in the next row. Work the decrease row again.

Continue practising until you're happy with the technique – 28 rows should form a triangle. Don't worry if it looks uneven – practice makes perfect.



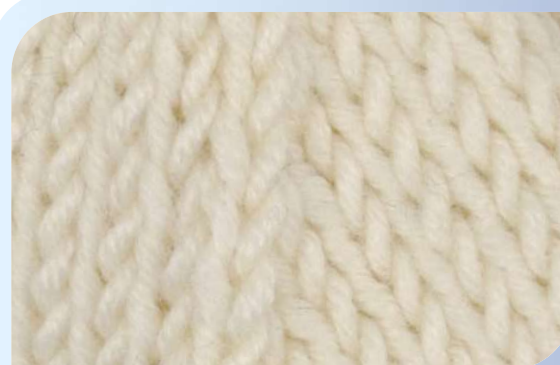
1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle through the loops of the next two stitches, as if to knit.



2 Wind the yarn anti-clockwise around the tip of the right-hand needle, then pull the yarn through the two stitches, knitting them both together into one stitch.



3 Pull the right-hand needle up and to the right, dropping the two stitches from the left-hand needle and keeping the new stitch on the right-hand needle.



4 Knitting two stitches together decreases your stitch count by one, and the resulting decrease stitch leans to the right. This is how a series of k2togs looks on the right side of stocking stitch fabric.

DECREASE: SKPO

Reduce one stitch with this left-leaning decrease

Another simple decrease is the SKPO, which means 'slip one stitch, knit one stitch, then pass the slipped stitch over' (also abbreviated as S11, K1, pss0). This reduces your stitch count by one and forms a left-sloping decrease, so it's best used at the start of a row. You'll also see this decrease used a lot in toy patterns and in some lace

patterns, so it's a great one to have under your belt.

So what are slipped stitches? To slip a stitch, you insert the right needle into the stitch on the left needle, as if to knit it, but just move the stitch across to the right needle, without knitting it. On a knit row, this means slipping the stitch knitwise, which will twist the stitch as it passes to

the other needle. What does it mean to 'pass slipped stitch over'? This action is just the same as when you cast off – you simply lift the slipped stitch over the stitch you just knitted and off the needle.

To practise SKPO, cast on some stitches, work two rows, then work SKPO on the first two stitches of every knit row. You'll soon get the hang of it.



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the first stitch on the left-hand needle as though to knit it, but instead slide it across onto the right-hand needle.



2 Now go ahead and knit the next stitch just as you would normally.



3 Next, use the point of your left-hand needle to lift the stitch you slipped over the one you've just knitted, and off the needle.



4 This decreases the number of stitches on your needles by 1. The resulting stitch leans at the opposite angle to a k2tog.

SEWING UP YOUR KNITS

Your toys are beginning to take shape!

After blocking and pressing, you'll be ready for the most exciting part – sewing up! This will turn a few oddly-shaped pieces into a toy that's ready to be stuffed!

There are many different ways to sew up or seam your knits. We've covered the two most-used methods below: mattress stitch and backstitch. There are plenty more, including oversewing or ladder

stitch. For an oversewn seam, pin the fabrics together as for the backstitch method. Working as close to the edge of the knitting as possible, insert the needle from front to back, taking the yarn over the two seams, then repeat over again. Leave a gap of a row between stitches as you work along the seam.

Whichever method you use, you'll need a large-eyed, blunt needle and matching

yarn, approx 50cm (20in) long (we've used coloured yarn below so you can see it). You can use longer lengths but they are more likely to get tangled and twist. Shorter lengths are easier to manage and less likely to have any weak areas. At the start and end of the seam, secure the yarn with a few extra stitches, rather than a knot which might rub on the finished fabric and result in areas of wear.



MATTRESS STITCH

Thread your yarn on to a needle, then weave along the edge of one piece to the point where you want to start sewing up. Lay both pieces to be joined on a flat surface, with right sides facing up. Bring the needle to the front of the fabric between the first and second stitches of this edge. Insert the needle between the first two stitches of the other edge. Bring it back up through the opposite piece, between the two stitches and below the horizontal strand you just made. Keep stitching in this way, forming a neat zigzag, pulling the yarn tight every few stitches.

BACKSTITCH SEAM

First, pin your two pieces together, with right sides facing and each row carefully matched up. secure the yarn by making a couple of stitches over each other at the base of the seam. Now working from right to left, bring the needle up a couple of knit stitches away at ❶. Take the needle down at ❷ and up again at ❸. Continue in this way along the edge, going up 2 rows and down 1 row. Keep the stitches regular and place the needle through the middle of each knitted stitch to avoid splitting the fabric.



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NEEDLE SIZES

UK	METRIC	US
14	2mm	0
13	2.25mm	1
–	2.5mm	–
12	2.75mm	2
11	3mm	–
10	3.25mm	3
–	3.5mm	4
9	3.75mm	5
8	4mm	6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	8
5	5.5mm	9
4	6mm	10
3	6.5mm	10½
2	7mm	–
1	7.5mm	–
0	8mm	11
00	9mm	13
000	10mm	15
–	12mm	17
–	15mm	19
–	20mm	36
–	25mm	50

HOOK SIZES

UK	METRIC	US
14	2mm	B/1
13	2.25mm	–
12	2.5mm	C/2
11	3mm	–
10	3.25mm	D/3
9	3.5mm	E/4
8	4mm	G/6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	H/8
5	5.5mm	I/9
4	6mm	J/10
3	6.5mm	K/10½
2	7mm	–
0	8mm	–
00	9mm	–
000	10mm	–

YARN WEIGHTS

Choose the right yarns to knit with

1, 2 and 3ply Knit on 2 to 3.5mm needles. Use for delicate lace knitting and baby garments. Good for socks and gloves.

4ply Knit on 3 to 4mm needles. Great for baby clothes, heavier socks and lightweight tops.

Double knitting (DK) Knit on 3.5 to 4.5mm needles. Usually double the weight of 4ply, this is the most widely used weight. Suitable for most garments and quick to knit up.

ABBREVIATIONS AND USEFUL INFO

alt alternate
approx beg approximately beginning
C2B slip next stitch to cn & hold at back, K1; K1 from cn
C2F slip next stitch to cn & hold at front, K1; K1 from cn
C4B slip next 2 stitches to cn & hold at back, K2; K2 from cn
C4F slip next 2 stitches to cn & hold at front, K2; K2 from cn
C6B slip next 3 stitches to cn & hold at back, K3; K3 from cn
C6F slip next 3 stitches to cn & hold at front, K3; K3 from cn
cb cable back
CC contrast colour
cf cable forward
cn cable needle
co cast on
cont continue
dec decrease(ing) (by working two stitches together)
est established
DK double knitting
DPNs double-pointed needles
fol/s following/follows
g st garter stitch (knit every row)
inc increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)
K/k knit
kfb knit into front and back of stitch
knwise knitwise; by knitting the stitch
k2tog knit the next two stitches together
k(1)tbl knit (1) into back loop
LH left hand
LT left twist
meas measure(s)
M1 make one by knitting into back of loop between two stitches (increase 1 stitch)
M1L (left leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through back of loop (right leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front. Knit lifted loop through front of loop
M1P make one purlwise by purling into back of loop between two stitches (increase 1 stitch)
MB make a bobble
MC main colour
P/p purl
patt(s) pattern(s)
PB place bead
pfb purl into front and back of stitch

PM place marker
P2tog purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
P3tog purl 3 stitches together (2 stitches decreased)
prev previous
psso pass slipped stitch(es) over
p(1)tbl purl (1) into back of the loop (purlwise) by purling the stitch
pwise purlwise
rem remain/remaining
rep(s) repeat(s)
rev st st reverse stocking stitch
RH right hand
rib2tog either k2tog or p2tog dep on what next stitch in ribbing should be (keeps ribbing looking neat on buttonholes)
rnd(s) round(s) (on a circular needle/DPNs)
RS right side
RT right twist
skpo slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over (1 stitch decreased)
sk2po slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over (2 stitches decreased)
sl slip
sl st slip stitch
SM stitch marker
ssk slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
sssk slip 3 stitches one at a time, knit 3 slipped stitches together (two stitches decreased)
ssp slip 2 stitches one at a time, purl 2 slipped stitches together through back loops (1 stitch decreased)
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch
tbl through the back of the loop
T2B slip next stitch to cn & hold at back, K1; P1 from cn
T2F slip next stitch to cn & hold at front, P1; K1 from cn

tog together (wrap 3 stitches) with yarn held at back of work, slip next 3 sts to cn and hold at front of work. Wrap yarn 3 times around these 3 sts, being careful not to pull it too tight and ending up with yarn at back of work. Slip the 3 sts to right needle without knitting them
WS wrong side
wyib with yarn in back
wyif with yarn in front
ybk yarn to the back
yfwd yarn forward
yo yarn over
yrn yarn round needle
yon yarn over needle
***** work instructions immediately following *, then repeat as directed
w&t (wrap and turn) slip next st from LH to RH needle, take yarn between needles to other side of work, slip st back to LH needle, take yarn between needles to its starting point, then turn. On next row, knit or purl the wrapped stitch together with the strand wrapping around it (break and tighten) break off the yarn and thread the end through the st(s) left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the st(s) together
b&t

YARN WEIGHT UK/US CONVERSION

4ply	Sport
Double knitting	Light worsted
Aran	Fisherman/Worsted
Chunky	Bulky
Super chunky	Extra bulky

Aran Knit on 4 to 5.5mm needles. Originally created for fishermen's jumpers. Use when DK isn't heavy enough, and chunky is too bulky. Perfect for outdoor or warm clothing.

Chunky Knit on 5.5 to 7mm needles. Associated with outdoor wear and winter jumpers, great for oversized garments.

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