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MATERIALS

Oddments of D.K. yarn including gold, silver and pewter Lurex; No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; 15 g washable toy stuffing; red pencil; thin washing up sponges; drinking straws; cotton bud; clear glue; Each doll takes about 15 g of yarn.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; p, purl; st, stitch; sl, slip; yf, yarn forward to make a st; tog, together; inc, increase (by working twice into same st); dec,

decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); ss, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); gst, garter st (k on every row); skpo, (sl 1, k1, pass sl st over).

TENSION AND SIZE

Worked at a tension of 26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm over stocking stitch, each doll should measure 13 cm (5 inches) tall, excluding hats.

NOTE

Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Basic male doll

Body and head: Right leg: With shoe colour cast on 18 sts and ss 2 rows.

Next (dec) row: K7, skpo, k2tog, k7 — 16 sts. P 1 row. **Next (dec) row:** K6, skpo, k2tog, k6 — 14 sts. P 1 row. **Next (dec) row:** K5, skpo, k2tog, k5 — 12 sts. K 1 row.

Change to tights colour. Beginning with a k row, ss 8 rows. Mark ends of last row. Break yarn and leave sts on a st holder.

Left leg: Work as for right leg. Do not break yarn. **Next (joining) row:** Using tights colour, work across sts of left leg thus: k10, skpo, work across sts of right leg thus: k2tog, k10 — 22 sts. P 1 row. **Next (inc) row:** K3, [inc, k2] 6 times, k1 more — 28 sts. Ss 3 rows. Change to tunic colour and ss 8 rows.

Shape neck: Next (dec) row: [K2tog] to end — 14 sts. P 1 row. ** Change to flesh colour and ss 2 rows.

Shape head: Next (inc) row: Inc in each st to end — 28 sts. P 1 row. **Shape chin: Next (inc) row:** K12, [inc, k1] twice, k12 — 30 sts. Ss 9 rows. **Shape top of head: Next (dec) row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 20 sts. P 1 row. **Next (dec) row:** [K2tog] to end — 10 sts. Break yarn, leaving an

end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off. **

Arms (make 2)

With sleeve colour cast on 6 sts for top and p 1 row. Continuing in ss, beginning with a k row, inc 1 st at beginning of next 6 rows — 12 sts. Ss 2 rows. P 1 row. Change to flesh colour and beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows. **Next (dec) row:** [K2tog] to end — 6 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Long or short tunic skirt

Using tunic colour cast on 34 sts and ss 10 rows for long version, or 6 rows for short version. Change to belt colour and ss 3 rows. Cast off kwise.

Basic doll with dress or robe

Body and head: With skirt colour cast on 56 sts and ss 4 rows. **Next (dec) row:** [K6, k2tog] to end — 49 sts. Ss 3 rows. **Next (dec) row:** [K5, k2tog] to end — 42 sts. Ss 3 rows. **Next (dec) row:** [K4, k2tog] to end — 35 sts. Ss 3 rows. Change to bodice colour for dress, or continue in skirt colour for robe. **Shape waist: Next (dec) row:** [K3, k2tog] to end — 28 sts. **For dress:** Ss 3 rows. Gst 2 rows.

Change to flesh colour and ss 2 rows.

For robe: Ss 7 rows.

For dress or robe:

Shape neck: Next (dec) row: [K2tog] to end — 14 sts. P 1 row. With flesh colour, work from ** to **.

Dress or robe base: With wrong side of work facing and using same colour, pick up and k56 sts from cast-on edge and gst 2 rows.

Next (dec) row: [K2, k2tog] to end — 42 sts. Gst 3 rows. **Next (dec) row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 28 sts. Gst 3 rows.

Next (dec) row: [K2tog] to end — 14 sts. K 1 row. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly. Fasten off.

To make up

Basic male doll: Fold each leg in half and sew across base of foot, then up leg seam to markers. Join back seam from markers to waist. Join head seam down to base of head. Stuff legs, head and body, join remainder of back seam. Join seam on tunic skirt, then fit on doll and sew in place, working a back st over every st on 1st row of belt.

Basic doll with dress or robe: Join base and skirt seam up to waist, join head seam. Cut a 6 cm diameter circle of sponge and fit in base, stuff evenly, then join back seam. Shape waist by running a gathering thread with matching yarn through every st at waist shaping row; draw up. Fasten off.

All dolls: With flesh colour yarn, run a gathering thread through each st on 2nd row below head shaping row, draw up to shape, fasten off, then sew through to centre front of head, work 5 sts for nose (vertically for male and horizontally for female dolls), fasten off through back of head. Using a long needle, embroider features as in photograph, fastening

off at back of head, working French knots in black for eyes and 2 "V" sts in pink for mouth. Using hair colour, work a straight st over each eye on male dolls for eyebrows. Blush cheeks lightly with pencil. Hair loops: Wind yarn 5 times round a pencil, then sew together in a bunch, sew in place at front of head then slip off pencil. Join hand and arm seams, leaving shaped edges of sleeve top open, stuff lightly, then sew to sides of body, beginning below neck shaping row.



Delight a child with some, or all, of these charming medieval characters. Or knit them to raise money for children in need — details on page 39

A LOT



The Queen

Work basic doll with dress, making skirt in

cerise, bodice and sleeves in mauve. Swiss-darn zigzag pattern round the

base of the skirt in mauve. Make



crown and cloak clasp as for King.

Collar: With cerise cast on 32 sts and k 1 row. Cast off kwise.

Train: With purple, work as for King's cloak to ***.

Next (dec) row: K2, skpo, k18, k2tog k2 — 24 sts.

Next row: K3, p18, k3. K 1 row. **Next row:** K3, p18, k3.

Next (dec) row: K2, skpo, k16, k2tog, k2 — 22 sts. **Next row:** K3, p16, k3.

K 1 row. **Next row:** K3, p16, k3.

Next row: K3, p16, k3.

Continue decreasing in this way on every 4th row, working 2 sts less between decreases on each successive repeat of dec row for a further 5 dec rows — 12 sts. **Next row:** K3, p6, k3. Cast off. **Hair:** With ochre cast on 20 sts and gst 4 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 18 sts. Gst 3 rows. Repeat last 4 rows, 3 times more — 12 sts. Cast off.

To make up

Sew cast-off edge of train to back of bodice, then place collar round neck and down to front waist, sew in place. Make a twisted cord in gold Lurex and tie round neck, securing ends of cord at front with clasp. With cast-on edge at front of head, sew down centre of hair piece, using back sts to form a parting. Gather row-ends tightly and sew to sides of head. Using 12 strands of ochre yarn, make two 10-cm length plaits, then form into a coil and sew to sides of head. Sew crown in place.

The King

To make up

Join clasp seam. Place cloak round neck and secure with clasp. Join cast-on and cast-off edges of hair for back seam, fold in half and join top seam; draw up yarn to gather seam. Sew to head. Sew on beard. With matching yarn, work straight sts underneath nose for moustache. Join crown seam, fold crown in half at picot row and sew to head.

Make basic male doll with brown shoes, ochre tights and belt, purple tunic top, sleeves and long tunic skirt. Swiss-darn (see overleaf) zigzag pattern along base of tunic skirt in maroon. **Hair:** With rust cast on 12 sts and gst 20 rows. **Next row:** Cast off 8 sts, k to end — 4 sts. Gst 15 rows for fringe.

Next row: Cast on 8 sts, k to end — 12 sts. Gst 19 rows. Cast off. **Beard:** With rust cast

on 4 sts and gst 22 rows. Cast off.

Crown: With gold Lurex cast on 32 sts and ss 4 rows. **Picot row:** [Yf, k2tog] to end. Ss 4 rows. Cast off.

Cloak: With plum cast on 26 sts and gst 4 rows. K 1 row. **Next row:** K3, p20, k3. *** Repeat last 2 rows, 14 times more. Gst 4 rows. Cast off.

Cloak clasp: With gold cast on 8 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.



Prince

Make basic male doll with charcoal shoes and pewter Lurex

tights, tunic top and sleeves. Make coronet as for King's crown, but working 2 rows in ss instead of 4.

Bonnet: With pewter Lurex cast on 16 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows. **Next (inc) row:** K5, inc in each of next 6 sts, k5 — 22 sts. P 1 row.

Next (inc) row: K7, [inc, k1] 4 times, k7 — 26 sts. Ss 11 rows.

Next (dec) row: [K2tog] to end — 13 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, but do not draw up.

Sword: The blade: With silver Lurex cast on 10 sts. Cast off.

Hilt piece (make 2): With gold Lurex cast on 8 sts. Cast off.

To make up
Fold top edge of bonnet in half and join cast on sts tog, place on head, draw up yarn to fit neck and sew in place. Sew yellow hair loops and coronet in place. Sew sword blade and one hilt piece together, sew remaining hilt piece at right angles to cover join and sew to hand.

Princess

Work basic doll with dress, making skirt and sleeves in lilac and bodice in pink. Make plaits and hair in yellow as for Queen and coronet as for Prince.

Dress peplum: With pink cast on 42 sts and ss 4 rows. **Next (dec) row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 28 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread



through sts, but do not draw up.

To make up

Join side edges of peplum, place on doll, draw up yarn to fit waist and sew in place. Sew hair to head, then sew plaits to sides of head. Bind ends of plaits with violet yarn. Sew coronet in place. Embroider 2 violet cross sts in centre of bodice.

Knights

Make basic doll with grey shoes and hands, pewter Lurex tights, tunic top and sleeves. Make pewter Lurex bonnet as for Prince.

Tabard (make 2)

With main colour cast on 18 sts and ss 10 rows.



Shape armholes: Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 14 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 2 rows — 12 sts. Ss 4 rows. Cast off.

Following chart, Swiss-darn (right) a motif in a contrast yarn on front of tabard.

Helmet: With grey cast on 32 sts and gst 2 rows.

Next (dec) row: [K2, k2tog] to end — 24 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows. **Next (dec) row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 16 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next (dec) row: [K2tog] to end — 8 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Nose guard: With grey cast on 4 sts. Cast off.

Flag: Cast on 26 sts and k 1 row. **Next row:** Cast off 2 sts, k to end. K 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows, twice more — 20 sts.

Next row: Cast on 2 sts, k to end. K 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows, twice more — 26 sts. Cast off.

To make up
Make up and sew on bonnet as for Prince. Join helmet seam, stuff lightly, then sew to head. Sew nose guard to centre of face. Join side seams of tabard, place on doll, then join 2 cast-off sts at each side for shoulders. Spread



glue on a drinking straw and cover by winding brown yarn round length of straw for flag pole, pushing ends of yarn into ends of straw. Sew flag to one end, then sew pole to hand.

Friar



Work basic doll with robe, making robe and sleeves in brown.

Hood: With brown cast on 26 sts for top edge. Ss 18 rows.

Next (dec) row: [K2tog] to end — 13 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts. Do not draw up.

Plain collar: With brown cast on 36 sts. Ss 6 rows. **Next row:** [K2tog] to end — 18 sts. Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread through sts. Do not draw up.

Crucifix: With beige cast on 7 sts for long piece. Cast off. With beige cast on 5 sts for short piece. Cast off.

To make up
Fold top edge of hood in half and join, place on head, draw up yarn to fit neck and sew in place. Sew grey hair loops to front. Join collar seam, place over head, draw up yarn to fit neck and sew in place. Make a 25 cm length of twisted cord in natural, tie round waist, then knot and trim ends. Sew crucifix

pieces tog, make a 5 cm black length of twisted cord, thread through top of crucifix and tie to waist cord.

Nurse

Work basic doll with robe, making robe and sleeves in royal blue. Make bonnet as for Prince and plain collar for Friar in cornflower blue.

Baby
With white cast on 9 sts for base. Ss 2 rows.

Next (inc) row: Inc in each st to end — 18 sts. Ss 13 rows. **Next (dec) row:** [K2tog] to end — 9 sts.

Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

To make up Nurse and Baby

Gather waist as for dress. Make up and sew on bonnet as for Prince and collar as for Friar. Join seam on baby, leaving base open, stuff firmly, then gather round

base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. With flesh yarn, Swiss-darn 3 sts across

and 3 rows down for face. Work 2 tiny straight sts in black for eyes and a straight st in pink for mouth. Blush cheeks. Run a gathering thread through each st on row below face, draw up and fasten off. Sew baby to Nurse's hands.



Knight





Ladies-in-waiting

Work basic doll with dress, making skirt and sleeves in main colour and bodice in a contrast colour. Make bonnet as for Prince in a contrast colour.

Hat: Cast on 28 sts and ss 6 rows.

Next (dec) row: [K2, k2tog] to end — 21 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next (dec) row: [K1, k2tog] to end — 14 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next (dec) row: [K2tog] to end — 7 sts. Ss 3 rows. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly, fasten off.

Veil: Cast on 30 sts.

1st row: All k.

2nd row: K20, turn.

3rd row: S11, k19.

4th row: K10, turn.

5th row: S11, k9.

6th row: As 2nd row.

7th row: As 3rd row.

8th row: K all sts. Cast off.

To make up

Make up the bonnet and sew in place. Join hat seam. Stuff lightly, then sew to head.

Sew narrow end of veil to tip of hat and wider end to back of neck.

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Make basic male doll with maroon, or bottle green shoes, tights in ochre, tunic and sleeves in either bottle-green or maroon. Make peplum as for Princess in tunic colour, make hair in brown or ginger as for King.

To make up

Make up and sew the peplum in place as for Princess, sew hair in place as for King.

Embroider 4 French knots for buttons down centre front of tunic in pale yellow.



Jester

Make basic male doll with dark green shoes. Make right leg of tights in yellow and left leg in red. Work remainder of tights and tunic top in same colours. Work right sleeve in yellow and left sleeve in red.

Tunic: Cast on 17 sts in yellow and 17 sts in red, when changing colours, wind yarn round one just used to avoid leaving a gap. Work as for short tunic, working belt in brown. Make bonnet as for Prince in dark green.

Picot collar: With dark green cast on 28 sts and ss 2 rows.

Picot row: [Yf, k2tog] to end — 28 sts. Ss 3 rows. **Next (dec) row:** [K2tog] to end — 14 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts. Do not draw up.

Hat points (make 3)

With dark green cast on 13 sts and ss 2 rows. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 8 rows — 5 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly, fasten off.

Stick puppet head: With dark green cast on 12 sts and ss 10 rows.

Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Hat points (make 3)

With dark green cast on 4 sts. Cast off.

To make up

Embroider belt buckle in gold Lurex, using 4 straight sts. Make up and sew bonnet to head as for Prince. Sew orange hair loops to front. Join collar seam, fold at picot row



and catch down on the inside. Place collar over head, draw up yarn to fit neck and sew in place. Join seam on each hat point, drawing up yarn to curve seam. Stuff lightly, then sew to bonnet. Cut end of cotton-bud, cover stem with glue, then cover stem by winding red yarn down stem, secure end of yarn. Join puppet head seam, stuff lightly. Run a gathering thread through every st on 2nd row up from base. Spread glue over top end of stem and push up inside head, draw up yarn tightly and fasten off. Swiss-darn a 3-st wide, 4-row deep face on head with flesh yarn, embroider features with straight sts, make orange loops for hair, blush cheeks. Sew hat points in place, sew stem to hand.

Peasants

Using a mixture of earth-coloured yarns, make basic male doll (with either

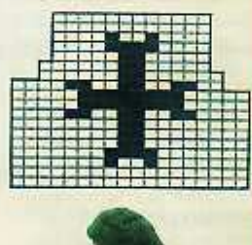
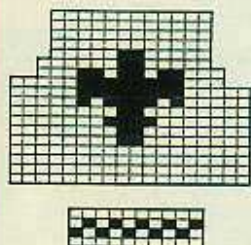


long or short tunic skirt), or dress version, tog with bonnet or hood with plain or picot collar. Embroider belt buckle as for Jester, make beard or moustache as for King. Sew on 3 bunches of hair loops for females, and 1 bunch for males.

MAKE Tip



Below: Swiss-darning charts for Knights and zigzag pattern for the King and Queen



SWISS-DARNING CHARTS



Lady-in-waiting

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