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Beautiful Toys to Knit



Three sweet teddy bears,

three cute chickens

& three mix n' match outfits for Tilly Twirl!





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Tilly Twirl



With her pretty curls and changeable clothes, this cute doll is sure to be a big hit with little girls!

Soft and sweet, Tilly will capture the hearts of everyone who sees her, but she's not just lovely to look at.

Because she's got three sets of clothes, little girls can mix and match her outfits, making her lots of fun to play with, too. Tilly's first outfit is a smart, red moss stitch coat with gold buttons, and a dress and hat in navy and red stripes. Her second is a pretty Victorian-style set in blue and white consisting of a lacy dress and matching bloomers. Finally, she has a guernsey, which with the striped bloomers, is perfect for the beach. "The clothes are all designed to be very easy for little fingers to put on and off without much help," says designer Amanda Jones.

Tilly is also easy to keep clean, as long as you use washable yarns. "I used a polyester filling as, I believe, it washes well," says Amanda. Her clothes use relatively small amounts of yarn, so you can knit them from odds and ends in your stash. Why not try knitting the garments in different colours? You could even match her to a favourite outfit worn by her owner!

 **Start knitting here**

DOLL HEAD (MAKE ONE)

Cast on 9 sts using 3½mm needles and flesh tone.

Beg with a knit row and working in st st throughout, work 6 rows.

Row 7 (RS) K1, *m1, K1; rep from * to end of row. [17 sts]

Next row Purl.

Row 9 K1, *m1, K2; rep from * to end of row. [25 sts]

Work 9 rows straight ending on a WS row.

SHAPE CHEEKS

Next row (RS) K6, sl 1, k2tog, psso, K7, k3tog, K8. [21 sts]

Work 9 rows straight ending on a WS row.

SHAPE TOP

Next row (RS) (K1, k2tog tbl) twice, K2, k2tog tbl, K1, k2tog, K2, (k2tog, K1) twice. [15 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2, k2tog tbl, K1, k2tog tbl, K1, k2tog, K1, k2tog, K2. [11 sts]

Next row P1, (p2tog) 5 times. [6 sts]





Pattern Info

You will need...

DK yarn from your stash:

Flesh tone, white, pale blue, yellow, red and navy
A pair of 4mm needles
A pair of 3½mm needles
A 3mm crochet hook
One empty cotton reel
Toy stuffing
Five small metal buttons for the coat
Six small white buttons
Two red buttons

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Tension

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:

28 sts and 26 rows to measure 4x4in (10x10cm) over stocking stitch using 3½mm needles for the doll



BACK OF HEAD

Next row K1, *m1, K1; rep from * to end of row. [11 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2, *m1, K2; rep from * to end of row. [16 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2, m1, *K3, m1; rep from * last 2 sts, K2. [21 sts]

Work 19 rows straight, ending on a WS row.

Next row (RS) K1, (k2tog) 10 times. [11 sts]

Next row P1, p2tog, P5, p2tog, P1. [9 sts]

Work 6 rows straight, then cast off.

BODY FRONT

Cast on 15 sts using 3½mm needles and flesh tone.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Inc 1 st at both ends of the next 5 rows. [25 sts]**

Work 10 rows straight.

SHAPE TUMMY

Row 17 (RS) K6, m1, (K3, K1) twice, m1, K1, m1, (K3, m1) twice, m1, K6. [31 sts]

Work 7 rows straight.

Dec 1 st at each end of the next and every foll alt row until 21 sts rem.

Next row Purl.

Next row K1, *k2tog, K2; rep from * to end of row. [16 sts]

Next row P1, (p2tog) to end of row. [9 sts]

Next row K1, (k2tog) to end of row. [5 sts]

Work 3 rows straight.

Cast off.

BODY BACK

Work as for the front until **.

Work 14 rows straight.

Work tummy shaping then work 3 rows straight and cont working as written for the front.

ARMS (WORK 2 ALIKE)

Cast on 18 sts using 3½mm needles and flesh tone.

Beg with a K row working in st st throughout, work 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of the next and every foll 6th row until 14 sts rem.

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc 1 st at each end of row. [16 sts]

Work 7 rows straight.

SHAPE HAND

Row 1 (RS) K2, (k2tog tbl) twice, K4, (k2tog) twice, K2. [12 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K1, m1, K5, m1, K5, m1, K1. [15 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K1, m1, K6, m1, K1, m1, K6, m1, K1. [19 sts]
Work 3 rows straight.

Row 9 Cast off 1 st, K5 (6 sts on RH needle), k2tog, K1, k2tog tbl, K7. [16 sts]

Row 10 Cast off 1 st, P to end of row. [15 sts]

Row 11 K5, k2tog, K1, k2tog tbl, K5. [13 sts]

Row 12 (P2tog) three times, P1, (p2tog tbl) 3 times. [7 sts]

Row 13 K1, k2tog, K1, k2tog tbl, K1, break yarn and thread through rem sts and pull up tight and tie off.

RIGHT LEG

Cast on 21 sts using 3½mm needles and yarn A.

Beg with a K row and working in st st throughout, work 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of the next and every foll 8th row until 15 sts rem.

Cont without shaping until the work meas 4¼in (12cm) from beg ending on a WS row.

SHAPE FOOT

Next row K2tog, K1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, K3, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, K1, k2tog. [9 sts]**
Purl 1 row.

Next row Cast off 4 sts, (K1, m1) 3 times, K1. [8 sts]
Work 5 rows straight.

Row 6 K2tog tbl, K to end of row. Dec in this way on every foll alt row until 5 sts rem.
Purl 1 row, then cast off.

LEFT LEG

Work as for the right leg until ** thus ending on a RS row.

Next row (WS) Cast off 4 sts, P to end of row.



Choose buttons that are easy for little fingers to undo.



knit tip

Use small stitches and matching yarn when sewing up the seams of the doll.

HOW TO... Sl 1, K1, PSSO

This method is also sometimes abbreviated as SKPO.



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the next stitch as if you were to knit it, but instead of winding the yarn around the needle, just slip the stitch off and on to the right-hand needle.



2 Knit the next stitch as normal.



3 Now insert the left-hand needle into the slipped stitch on the right-hand needle and lift it over the knitted stitch.



4 Continue knitting until the end of the row, and your slipped stitch should look like this.

Row 1 K2, (m1, K1) 3 times. [8 sts]

Work 5 rows straight ending on a WS row.

Row 7 K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Dec in this way on every foll alt row until 5 sts rem.

Purl 1 row, then cast off.

RIGHT SOLE

Cast on 3 sts using 3½mm needles and yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) K1, K into front and back of next st, K1. [4 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K1, m1, K2, m1, K1. [6 sts]

Work 7 rows straight.

Dec 1 st at beg of next 2 RS rows. [4 sts]

Purl 1 row then cast off.

LEFT SOLE

Work as for Right sole, working the shapings at the end of the row.

EARS (WORK 2 ALIKE)

Cast on 4 sts using 3½mm needles and yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 K1, (m1, K1) three times. [7 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 K2tog tbl, cast off 3 sts, k2tog, cast off.

HAIR

Row 1 Cast on 30 sts using 4mm needles and yellow yarn,* turn, cast off 30sts, leaving the last st on needle; rep from * until you have worked 9

Pattern Info

Abbreviations

alt	alternate
beg	beginning
C4B(F)	cable 4 back, slip the next 2 sts on to a cable needle, and hold at the back (front) of the knitting, knit the next 2 sts, then knit the stitch from the cable needle
cont	continue
ch	chain
dec	decrease
dc	double crochet
foll	follows
g st	garter stitch
K	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
meas	measures
m1	make 1, by picking up the loop between the stitches
P	purl
R(W)S	right (wrong) side
rem	remaining
rep	repeat
st st	stocking stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
skpo	sl 1, k1, pass slipped stitch over
sl st	slip stitch (crochet)
tbl	through the back of the loop
yf	yarn forward between the needles
ym	yarn round needle

You could make shoes in different colours, or with buckles.



strands, fasten off at the end of the last strand.

Row 2 Working as for the first row, work 3 x 30 st strands, 1 x 32 st, 1 x 34 st, 1 x 36 st, 2 x 38 st, then 1 x 36 st, 1 x 34 st, 1 x 32 st, and 3 x 30 st strands. Fasten off after the last 30 st strand.

Row 3 Work 9 x 40 st strands.

TO MAKE UP

With RS facing sew up each side of the head, leaving the 6 st cast on edges free. Stuff the head firmly.

Make a hole in the centre of the neck stuffing and place the empty cotton reel half in the head (this is to keep the neck rigid.) Join the two sides of the body, leaving the neck open.

Stuff firmly, adding extra stuffing below the tummy shaping on the front and the bottom shaping on the back.

Mould the stuffing to form a good shape.

Attach the head to the body by stuffing the end of the cotton reel into the body and working a running st around the neck edge of the head and body.

Attach the arms and legs securely to the body.

FACE

Make the eye sockets by attaching a thread to the back of the head and threading it through to where the dec sts on the face were worked. Pull this thread tightly to form dents in the head.

With black thread work eyes onto the head and eyebrows just above the eyes.

Using dark pink make a nice smiley mouth using backstitch and the nose using a few long stitches (see photograph.)

Attach the ears to the side of the head in line with the eyes.

Place the first row of the hair on the seam along the top of the head starting above the ears.

Place 2nd row below the 1st row at the back and sew the last row in place below the 2nd row.

CLOTHING PINAFORE DRESS

BACK

Cast on 41 sts using 4mm needles and navy.

Row 1 (RS) *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Row 2 *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Cont in moss st until you have completed 6 rows.

Change to red. Beg with a knit row, and working in st st throughout, start striped patt as folls:

4 rows of red and 2 rows of navy.

AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at each end of the 4th and every foll 8th row until 34 sts rem then on every foll 4th row until 29 sts rem.

Stitch on the features firmly so little fingers can't unpick them!



Cont as set until you have completed 5 navy stripes plus 2 rows, thus ending on a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 5 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows until 19 sts rem.

Cont in striped patt for a further 10 rows ending on a WS row.

BACK NECK SHAPING

Next row K5, cast off 9 sts, K5.

Next row P5.

Next row Change to navy and K to end of row. Cont in moss st for 6 rows then cast off.

With WS facing rejoin red to rem 5 sts and P to end of row.

Join navy and knit 1 row, then complete as for first side in moss st.

FRONT

Work as for the back until you have worked the armhole shaping plus a further 4 rows, thus ending on a WS row.

FRONT NECK SHAPING

Next row K6, cast off centre 7 sts, knit to end.

Next row P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [5 sts]
Cont in striped patt as set until the front matches to the start of the moss st on the back strap.
Work 3 rows of moss st then cast off. With WS facing rejoin yarn and complete to match the first side.

TO MAKE UP

Join side seams, being careful to match the stripes.

EDGING

With RS facing and using 3mm crochet hook and navy, starting at the side edge of the back strap, work a row of dc evenly all around the armhole and neck edge, working 1 dc and 1 ch into the corner edge of each strap and 3 dc across the top edge of the straps.

SHOES

SOLE (WORK 2 ALIKE)

Cast on 3 sts using 3½mm needles and red.
Row 1 (RS) K into the front and back of each st. [6 sts]
Row 2 Knit.
Row 3 K1, m1, K4, m1, K1. [8 sts]
Row 4 Knit.
Row 5 K1, m1, K6, m1, K1. [10 sts]
Knit 8 rows.
Next row K1, k2tog tbl, K4, k2tog, K1. [8 sts]
Knit 2 rows.
Next row K1, k2tog tbl, K2, k2tog, K1. [6 sts]
Knit 2 rows.
Cast off.

RIGHT SHOE TOP

****Cast on** 3 sts using 3½mm needles and red.
Row 1 (RS) K into front and back of each st. [6 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 K into front and back of each st. [12 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 K1, m1, *K2, m1; rep from * to last st, K1. [18 sts]
Row 6 Purl.
Row 7 K6, cast off 6 sts, K6.
Work 12 rows on 6 sts.
Cast off.

Rejoin yarn to rem sts, work 4 rows.

Next row (WS) Cast on 8 sts, K8, P6.
Next row K to last 3 sts, yf, k2tog, K1.
Next row Cast off 8 sts, P6.

Cont on rem 6 sts until the work matches with the first side.

LEFT SHOE

Work as for the right shoe from ** to **.
Work 3 rows, turn.

Next row (RS) Cast on 8 sts, P8, K6.

Next row P to last 3 sts, yrn, p2tog, P1.

Cast off 8 sts, K6.

Cont until work matches to the first side.

TO MAKE UP BOTH SHOES

With RS facing join the 6 sts from the top of the shoe. With this seam at the centre of the 3 stitch cast on, with RS tog, sew the top of the shoe to the sole. Turn to the right side and sew a button onto the side of the shoe near to the back seam. Try the shoe on the doll to find out where to place the button to keep the shoe on.

JUMPER

BACK

Cast on 30 sts using 3½mm needles and white yarn.

Work 4 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Change to 4mm needles and beg with a K row, work in st st throughout. Cont straight until the work meas 2½in (6cm) from beg, ending on a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 3 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows, 24 sts rem. ** Work 4 rows straight, ending on a WS row.

DIVIDE FOR BACK NECK OPENING

Next row (RS) K10, turn, leave rem sts on a spare needle and complete each side separately.

Next row Cast on 3 sts, K3, P10. [13 sts]

Next row Knit.

Next row K3, P10.

If you make more jumpers for Tilly, try adding a motif or lace pattern.



Match the stripes when you sew up the seams of the dress.



Don't overstuff your doll – if she's too stiff it'll be more difficult to dress her.



You could add a sewn-on lace or ribbon edging to the lacy dress.



Knit short legs on the bloomers to create a pair of shorts.

The hat will fit all sorts of toys.



Rep these last 2 rows until you have completed 5 rows, ending on a RS row.

SHAPE BACK NECK

Cast off 6 sts at the beg of the next row. [7 sts]

Dec 1 st at neck edge on the next row. [6 sts]

Work 1 row then cast off rem 6 sts.

With RS facing rejoin yarn to rem 14 sts and K to end of row.

Next and every WS row P to last 3 sts, K3.

Work as set for a further 5 rows thus ending on a WS row.

Buttonhole row K1, yf, k2tog, K to end of row.

Work 3 more rows, ending on a WS row.

BACK NECK SHAPING

Cast off 7 sts at beg of next row. [7 sts]

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next row. [6 sts]

Cast off rem sts.

FRONT

Work as for the back to **.

Work 12 rows straight, ending on a WS row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

K across 8 sts, turn, leave rem sts on a spare needle and complete each side separately. Dec 1 st at neck edge on the next 2 rows, until 6 sts rem. Cont without shaping until the front matches to the back shoulder.

Cast off.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn and cast off centre 8 sts, K to end of row. Complete to match the first side.

SLEEVES (WORK 2 ALIKE)

Cast on 22 sts using 3½mm needles and white yarn.

Work 4 rows K1, P1 rib.

Change to 4mm needles and beg with a K row, working in st st throughout, inc 1 st at each side of the 5th and foll 6th rows. [26 sts]

Cont without shaping until the work meas 3½in (9cm) from beg, ending on a WS row.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join shoulder seams. Sew sleeves into armhole between the cast off edge of the armhole shaping on front and back. Sew cast off edge of armhole to the sleeve seam.

Join rest of the sleeve seam and the side seam. Overlap back button band and slip stitch in place.

NECK FRILL

With RS facing and using 3mm crochet hook, starting at the back neck opening, work a row of dc evenly around the neck edge, turn. * Work 6ch, sl st into top of dc; rep from * to end. Sew a button onto the button band opposite the buttonhole.

DRESS

BACK

Cast on 49 sts using 4mm needles and blue.

Knit 1 row then change to white and work border patt as folls:

Row 1 (RS) K1, * yf, K2, sl1, k2tog, psso, K2, yf, K1; rep from * to end of row.

2nd and every foll alt row Purl.

Rep these 2 rows twice more.

Row 7 K7, k2tog, yf, * K6, k2tog, yf; rep from * last 8 sts, K8.

Row 9 K6, * k2tog, yf, K1, yf, skpo, K3; rep from * to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 11 Rep row 7.

Cont in st st until the work meas 3¼in (8cm) from beg ending on a WS row.

Next row (RS) * K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. [37 sts]

Change to blue and purl 5 rows.**

Change back to white and work 2 rows in st st, thus ending on a WS row.

DIVIDE FOR BUTTON OPENING

K17, turn, leave rem sts on a spare needle and work each side separately.

Cast on 3 sts. (These 3 sts will form the button band and should be worked in garter st.) K3, P17.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Cast off 3 sts at the beg of the next row. [17 sts]

Dec 1 st at the armhole edge on the next 2 rows. [15 sts]

Work 10 rows straight, thus ending on a RS row.

NECK SHAPING

Cast off 8 sts at the beg of the next row. [8 sts]

Dec 1 st at the neck edge on the next 2 rows.

Cast off rem 6 sts.

With RS facing rejoin yarn to rem sts and K to end of row.

Row 2 P to last 3 sts, K3, work K3 at the end of every foll WS row. (These 3 sts form the buttonhole band, which worked in g st as for the first side.)

Row 3 Knit.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Row 4 Cast off 3 sts at the beg of the row. [17 sts]

Dec 1 st at the armhole edge on the next 2 rows. [15 sts]



The coat and shoes look really great when knitted in the same colour.

TO MAKE UP

Join shoulder seams and side seams, matching up the pattern. Sew in the sleeves matching the centre of the sleeve to the shoulder seam and the underarm seam to the side seam, easing sleeve into the armhole. Overlap the button band with the buttonhole band and slip stitch in place. Sew a button onto the button band opposite the buttonholes. Lightly press. Using a 3mm crochet hook and white, work dc all around the neck starting at the buttonhole band.

BLOOMERS

FIRST LEG

Cast on 33 sts using 4mm needles and blue.

Work 4 rows g st.

Change to white and beg with a K row working in st st work 2 rows in white and 2 rows in blue.

Cont in stripe patt as set until you have worked 4 white stripes, ending on a WS row.

CROTCH SHAPING

Cast off 3 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.

[27 sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of the foll 2 rows. [23 sts]

Break yarn and leave these sts on a holder.

SECOND LEG

Work second leg as for the first leg. Do not break yarn.

TOP

Cont in stripes as set, K across 23 sts from second leg then K across 23 sts from first leg. [46 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K1, m1, K22, m1, K22, m1, K1. [49 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K1, m1, K23, m1, K1, m1, K23, m1, K1. [53 sts]

Cont working without shaping until you have completed 4 white stripes from beg of the top ending on a WS row.

WAISTBAND

Change to blue and cast on 4 sts, knit to end of row. [57 sts]

Next row Knit.

Next row K2, yf, k2tog, K to end of row.

Work 2 more rows then cast off using 3½mm needles.

TO MAKE UP

Join back seam from under the waistband, matching the stripes. Join first leg seam and the crotch shaping with the second leg. Join the second leg seam. Sew a button onto the waistband 1in (2.5cm) in on the right side.

Next row (Buttonhole) K1, yf, k2tog, K to end.

Cont as for the first side working another buttonhole on the foll 6th row.

Work neck shaping at the beg of the RS row.

FRONT

Work as for the back until **

Change to white and work 4 rows, thus ending on a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 3 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.

[31 sts]

Dec 1 st at each at each end of the next 2 rows.

[27 sts]

Work 6 rows straight.

FRONT NECK SHAPING

K across 10, turn and leave rem sts on a spare needle, work each side separately. Dec 1 st at the neck edge on every foll row until 6 sts rem. Cont until the front matches to the back shoulder ending on a WS row. Cast off 6 sts. With RS facing rejoin yarn to rem sts. Cast off centre 7 sts, K to end of row. Complete as for the first side.

SLEEVES (WORK 2 ALIKE)

Cast on 23 sts using 3½mm needles and blue.

Work 4 rows g st.

Next row (RS) Change to white and 4mm needles, K1, *yf, K1; rep from * to end of row.

[45 sts]

Beg with a purl row, cont in st st for a further 5 rows, thus ending on a WS row.

SHAPE TOP OF SLEEVE

Cast off 3 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.

[39 sts]

Dec 1 st at both ends of the next 4 rows. [31 sts]

Work 6 rows ending on a RS row.

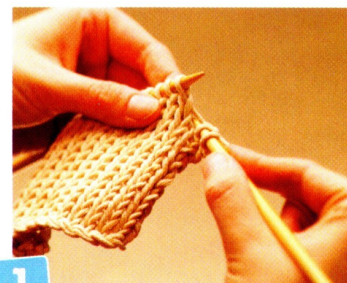
Next row (WS) P2tog to last st, P1. [16 sts]

Cast off.

HOW TO...

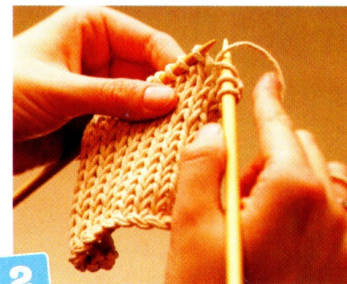
MAKE 1 INCREASE

This is one of the ways to increase, and is usually abbreviated as m1.



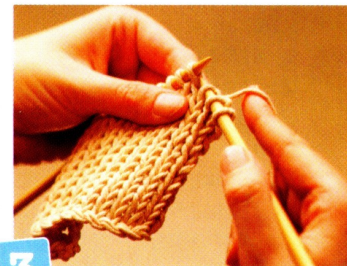
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First, you need to knit the number of stitches that the pattern requires you to do before the increase. Now insert the point of the right-hand needle under the loop or line of yarn that lies between the two stitches.



2

Now wind the yarn around the point of the needle – exactly as you would for a knit stitch.



3

Pull the point of the needle through the stitch, making sure you catch the yarn on the tip of the right-hand needle.



4

Pull the stitch all the way through and you will have an extra stitch on your right-hand needle. Keep knitting across the row until you need to increase again or reach the end.

COAT

BACK

Cast on 40 sts using 4mm needles and red yarn.

Row 1 (RS) (K1, P1) 6 times, K4, P1, K6, P1, K4, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 2 (K1, P1) 5 times, K2, P4, K1, P6, K1, P4, K2, (P1, K1) 5 times.

Row 3 (K1, P1) 6 times, C4B, P1, K6, P1, C4F, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 4 Rep row 2.

Row 5 (K1, P1) 6 times, K4, P1, k2tog tbl, K2, k2tog, P1, K4, (P1, K1) 6 times. [38 sts]

Row 6 (K1, P1) 5 times, K2, (P4, K1) twice, P4, K2, (P1, K1) 5 times.

Row 7 (K1, P1) 6 times, (K4, P1) twice, K4, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 8 As row 6.

Row 9 (K1, P1) 6 times, C4B, P1, K4, P1, C4F, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 10 As row 6.

Row 11 (K1, P1) 6 times, K4, P1, k2tog tbl, k2tog, P1, K4, (P1, K1) 6 times. [36 sts]

Row 12 (K1, P1) 5 times, K2, P4, K1, P2, K1, P4, K2, (P1, K1) 5 times.

Row 13 (K1, P1) 6 times, C4B, P1, K2, P1, C4F, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 14 As row 12.

Row 15 (K1, P1) 6 times, K4, P1, sl 1, K1, pssso, P1, K4, (P1, K1) 6 times. [35 sts]

Row 16 (K1, P1) 5 times, K2, P4, K1, P1, K1, P4, K2, (P1, K1) 5 times.

Row 17 (K1, P1) 6 times, K4, P1, K1, P1, K4, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 18 As row 16.

Row 19 (K1, P1) 6 times, C4B, P1, K1, P1, C4F, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 20 As row 16.

Row 21 (K1, P1) 6 times, K4, P1, p2tog, K4, (P1, K1) 6 times. [34 sts]

Row 22 (K1, P1) 5 times, (K2, P4) twice, K2, (P1, K1) 5 times.

Row 23 (K1, P1) 6 times, C4B, P2, C4F, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 24 As row 22.

Row 25 (K1, P1) 6 times, K4, p2tog, K4, (P1, K1) 6 times. [33 sts]

Row 26 (K1, P1) 5 times, K2, P4, K1, P4, K2, (P1, K1) 5 times.

Row 27 (K1, P1) 6 times, C4B, P1, C4F, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 28 (K1, P1) 5 times, K2, P3, p2tog, P4, K2, (P1, K1) 5 times. [31 sts]

Row 29 *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Row 30 Rep row 29.

Work 2 more rows of moss st.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 5 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows. [21 sts]

Cont in moss st until the armhole meas 2in (5cm) from beg of shaping, ending on a WS row.

Cast off rem 21 sts.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 23 sts using 4mm needles and red yarn.

Work in moss st until the work meas 3½in (9cm) from beg ending on a WS row.**

SHAPING

Next row Moss st 7 sts, (p3tog, K1) twice, p3tog, moss st 8. [17 sts]

Cont until the front matches to the back armhole ending on a WS row.

ARMHOLE SHAPING

Cast off 5 sts at the beg of the next row. [12 sts]

Work 8 rows straight ending on a RS row.

FRONT NECK SHAPING

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next row. [7 sts]

Dec 1 st at the neck edge on next row. [6 sts]

Work 1 row straight then cast off.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as for the left back to **

Next row (RS) K1, yf, k2tog (buttonhole worked), P1, K1, (p3tog, K1) twice, p3tog, moss st to end. [17 sts]

Cont straight as for the left side, ending for armhole shaping on a RS row.

ARMHOLE SHAPING

Next row (WS) Cast off 5 sts at beg of row, work to end of row.

Next row (Buttonhole) K1, yf, k2tog, cont in moss st.

Work 5 rows then rep buttonhole row again. Work 1 row thus ending on a WS row.

FRONT NECK SHAPING

Complete as written for the left front.

SLEEVES (WORK 2 ALIKE)

Cast on 23 sts using 4mm needles and red yarn.

Working in moss st, inc 1 st at each end of the 9th row and foll 6th row. [27 sts]

Cont without shaping until the work meas 3½in (9cm) from beg.

Cast off in moss st.

COLLAR

Join shoulder seams. With WS facing, using 4mm needles, starting at the left front, pick up and knit 8 sts around the front neck, 11 sts across the back neck and 8 sts around the right front neck. [27 sts]

Work in moss st for 10 rows then cast off loosely.

BELT (WORK 2 ALIKE)

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and red yarn.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 K1, P4, K1.

Row 3 K1, C4B, K1.

Row 4 Knit.

Rep these 4 rows until the belt meas 5½in (13cm), ending on a WS row.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join the side seams. Sew in the sleeve matching the centre of the sleeve to the shoulder seam and ease the sleeve into the armhole, between the cast off edge of the armhole shaping at the front and the back.

Sew the cast off edge to the sleeve seam then cont to join the sleeve seam.

Attach the two belt bands, starting at the centre back above the cable shaping and bringing it around to the front finishing above the shaping.

Sew a button to each end of belt (4 in total).

Sew buttons onto the left front opposite the buttonholes.

HAT

Cast on 40 sts using 3½mm needles and navy yarn. Work 6 rows of K1, P1 rib.

Change to 4mm needles and red, working in st st throughout.

Row 1 (RS) K2, m1, *K3, m1; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. [53 sts]

Purl 1 row.

Work in stripe patt as folls:

4 rows navy and 2 rows of red, until you have worked 2 red stripes plus 2 rows of navy.

1st dec row K3, k2tog, (K8, k2tog) 4 times, end K8. [48 sts]

Work 5 rows straight.

2nd dec row K2, k2tog, *K6, k2tog; rep from * last 4 sts, K4. [42 sts]

Work 5 rows straight.

Next row K2tog to end of row. [21 sts]

Purl 1 row, break yarn and thread through rem sts and pull up tightly.

With RS tog join back seam.

Make a tassel using red, and attach to the centre of the hat on the RS. 



BY LAURA LONG

Three Bears

Show someone you care – knit them one bear or even the whole family.

Few things in life are as huggable as a teddy, so if you know someone who deserves a hug (or is holding a tea party!), these cuddly bears are just the thing. They're knitted in soft alpaca yarn, and have charming calico paws and inner ears: definitely a cut above your average bear. Designed by Laura Long for her book *Knitted Toy Tales* (see page 14 for how to get your copy for just £7.97), they won't steal your porridge, but we can't say the same for your heart!

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MUMMY BEAR HEAD

Cast on 7 sts using 4mm needles and yarn A.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Kfb to end of row. [14 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 Kfb to end of row. [28 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 Kfb to end of row. [56 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Work 16 rows in st st.

Row 24 (K2tog, K10, skpo) 4 times.

Row 25 Purl.

Row 26 (K2tog, K8, skpo) 4 times.

Row 27 Purl.

Row 28 (K2tog, K6, skpo) 4 times.

Row 29 Purl

Row 30 (K2tog, K4, skpo) 4 times.

Row 31 Purl.

Row 32 (K2tog, K2, skpo) 4 times.

Row 33 Purl.

Row 34 (K2tog, skpo) 4 times.

Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

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Pattern Info

You will need...

Lightweight (DK) 100% alpaca

Yarn A Light Brown 50g

Yarn B Cream 50g

Yarn C Grey-blue 50g

A pair of 4mm needles

Fabric for paws and ears

For where to buy, see page 91 of Simply Knitting 66, Spring

Tension

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:

22 sts and 30 rows to measure 4x4in (10x10cm) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles

Measurements

Mummy bear 12in (30cm) tall

Daddy bear 14in (35cm) tall

Baby bear 9in (23cm) tall

Abbreviations

alt	alternate
cont	continue
K	knit
kfb	knit into the front and back of the stitch
P	purl
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
st(s)	stitch(es)
st st	stocking stitch
tog	together



NOSE

Cast on 30 sts using 4mm needles and yarn A. Work 6 rows in st st.

Row 7 (K1, k2tog); rep to end of row.

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 (K2tog); rep to end of row.

Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

BODY

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and yarn A.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Kfb to end of row. [16 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 Kfb to end of row. [32 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 Kfb to end of row. [64 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Work 20 rows in st st.

Row 28 (K2tog, K12, skpo) 4 times.

Row 29 Purl.

Row 30 (K2tog, K10, skpo) 4 times.

Row 31 Purl.

Row 32 (K2tog, K8, skpo) 4 times.

Row 33 Purl.

Row 34 (K2tog, K6, skpo) 4 times.

Row 35 Purl.

Row 36 (K2tog, K4, skpo) 4 times.

Row 37 Purl.

Row 38 (K2tog, K2, skpo) 4 times.

Row 39 Purl.

Row 40 (K2tog, skpo) 4 times.

Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 25 sts using 4mm needles and yarn A. Work 20 rows in st st.

Row 21 K11, kfb, kfb, K12.

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 K12, kfb, kfb, K13.

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 K13, kfb, kfb, K14.

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 K14, kfb, kfb, K15.

Row 28 Purl.

Row 29 K15, kfb, kfb, K16.

Row 30 Purl.

Row 31 K2tog, K31, k2tog.

Row 32 Purl.

Row 33 (K2tog, K1) rep to end.

Row 34 Purl.

Row 35 (K2tog) rep to end. [11 sts]

Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles and yarn A.

Row 1 Kfb, K8, kfb.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, K10, kfb.



Row 4 Purl.

Cont in this way until 24 sts on needle.

Row 15 Knit.

Row 16 Purl.

Work 18 rows in st st.

Row 35 (K2tog, K1) rep to end.

Row 36 Purl.

Row 37 K2tog, rep to end.

Row 38 Purl.

Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 26 sts using 4mm needles and yarn A. Work 5 rows in st st.

Row 6 (P2tog, p1) rep to last 2 sts, p2tog.

Row 7 Knit.

Row 8 (P2tog) rep to last st, P1.

Thread yarn through rem sts.

DADDY BEAR HEAD

Refer to the pattern for Mummy bear's body but use yarn B.

NOSE

Cast on 36 sts using 4mm needles and yarn B. Work 6 rows in st st.

Row 7 (K1, k2tog) rep to end of row.

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 (K2tog) rep to end of row.

Row 10 Purl.

Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

BODY

Cast on 9 sts using 4mm needles and yarn B.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Kfb to end of row. [18 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 Kfb to end of row. [36 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 Kfb to end of row. [72 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Work 20 rows in st st.

Row 28 (K2tog, K14, skpo) 4 times.

Row 29 Purl.
Row 30 (K2tog, K12, skpo) 4 times.
Row 31 Purl.
Row 32 (K2tog, K10, skpo) 4 times.
Row 33 Purl.
Row 34 (K2tog, K8, skpo) 4 times.
Row 35 Purl.
Row 36 (K2tog, K6, skpo) 4 times.
Row 37 Purl.
Row 38 (K2tog, K4, skpo) 4 times.
Row 39 Purl.
Row 40 (K2tog, K2, skpo) 4 times.
 Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 29 sts using 4mm needles and yarn B.
 Work 24 rows in st st.
Row 25 K13, kfb, kfb, K14.
Row 26 Purl.
Row 27 K14, kfb, kfb, K15.
Row 28 Purl.
Row 29 K15, kfb, kfb, K16.
Row 30 Purl.
Row 31 K16, kfb, kfb, K17.
Row 32 Purl.
Row 33 K17, kfb, kfb, K18.
Row 34 P2tog, P35, p2tog.
Row 35 (k1, k2tog) rep to last st, K1.
Row 36 Purl.
Row 37 (K2tog) rep to last st, K1.
 Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 12 sts using 4mm needles and yarn B.
Row 1 Kfb, k10, kfb. [14 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 Kfb, k12, kfb. [16 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
 Cont in this way until 26 sts on needle.
 Work 24 rows in st st.
Row 39 (K2tog, K1) rep to last 2 sts, K2tog.



Row 40 Purl.
Row 41 (K2tog) rep to last st, K1.
 Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 28 sts using 4mm needles and yarn B.
 Work 5 rows in st st.
Row 6 (P2tog, P1) rep to last st, P1.
Row 7 Knit.
Row 8 (P2tog) rep to last st, P1.
 Thread yarn through rem sts.

BABY BEAR HEAD

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and yarn C.
Row 1 Purl.
Row 2 Kfb to end of row. [12 sts]
Row 3 Purl.
Row 4 Kfb to end of row. [24 sts]
Row 5 Purl.
Row 6 Kfb to end of row. [48 sts]
Row 7 Purl.
 Work 12 rows in st st.
Row 20 (K2tog, K8, skpo) 4 times.
Row 21 Purl.
Row 22 (K2tog, K6, skpo) 4 times.
Row 23 Purl.
Row 24 (K2tog, K4, skpo) 4 times.
Row 25 Purl.
Row 26 (K2tog, K2, skpo) 4 times.
Row 27 Purl.
Row 28 (K2tog, skpo) 4 times.
 Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

NOSE

Cast on 24 sts using 4mm needles and yarn C.
 Work 4 rows in st st.
Row 5 (K1, k2tog) rep to end of row.
Row 6 Purl.
Row 7 (K2tog) rep to end of row.
 Thread yarn through sts and pull together.

BODY

Refer to the pattern for Mummy bear's head but using yarn C.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 19 sts using 4mm needles and yarn C.
 Work 14 rows in st st.
Row 15 K8, kfb, kfb, K9.
Row 16 Purl.
Row 17 K9, kfb, kfb, K10.
Row 18 Purl.
Row 19 K10, kfb, kfb, K11.
Row 20 Purl.
Row 21 K2tog, K21, k2tog.
Row 22 Purl.
Row 23 (K2tog, K1) rep to last 2 sts, k2tog.
Row 24 Purl.

HOW TO...

KFB

This method of increasing is used for the bears.



1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch to knit, as you would normally when knitting a stitch.



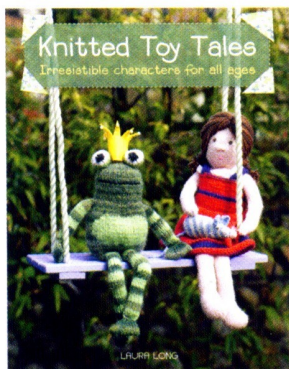
2 Knit the stitch but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.



3 Take the right-hand needle to the back of the knitting and insert the tip of the needle through the loop of the stitch on the left-hand needle.



4 Knit this second stitch and keep it on the right-hand needle, dropping the stitch from the left-hand needle.



These bears are from Knitted Toy Tales by Laura Long, published by David & Charles. The 20 fun designs inside include the Owl and the Pussycat, Eddie the Friendly Elephant and the Bunny Bunch.

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Row 25 (K2tog) rep to last st, K1.

Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and yarn C.

Row 1 Kfb, K6, kfb.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, K8, kfb.

Row 4 Purl.

Cont in this way until 18 sts on needle.

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 Purl.

Work 14 rows in st st.

Row 27 (K2tog, K1) rep to end.

Row 28 Purl.

Row 29 (K2tog) rep to end.

Thread yarn through rem sts and pull together.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 20 sts using 4mm needles yarn C.

Work 4 rows in st st.

Row 5 (K2tog, K1) rep to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 (K2tog) rep to last st, K1.

Thread yarn through rem sts.

TO MAKE UP

HEAD

Fold the head in half with the knit sides together. Sew from each end of the head, leaving a gap of approx. 1½in (4cm) in the middle. Turn the right way so that the knit sides are now on the outside. Fill with stuffing and sew up the 1½in (4cm) gap.

NOSE

Fold the nose in half with the knit sides together. Sew up the seam starting from the tip of the nose. Turn the right way so that the knit sides are now on the outside. Loosely fill with stuffing (be careful not to overfill or the nose could look too large). Stitch the nose onto the front of the head.

EARS

Fold the ears in half with the knit sides together. Stitch around the sides from the centre of the ear. Turn the right way so that the knit sides are now on the outside. Sew along the bottom straight edge to form a double-sided ear. Stitch the ears to each side of the head using the shaping at the top of the head to position them evenly apart.

BODY

Fold the body in half with the knit sides together. Sew from each end of the body leaving a gap of approximately 1½in (4cm) in the middle. Turn the right way so that the knit sides are now on the outside. Fill with stuffing and sew up the 1½in (4cm) gap.

ARMS

Fold the arms in half with the knit sides together. Sew from the hand to under the arm. Turn the right way so that the knit sides are on the outside and fill with stuffing. Position the arms to each side of the body and sew, leaving a small gap to insert stuffing for the top of the arm. Sew up the gap.

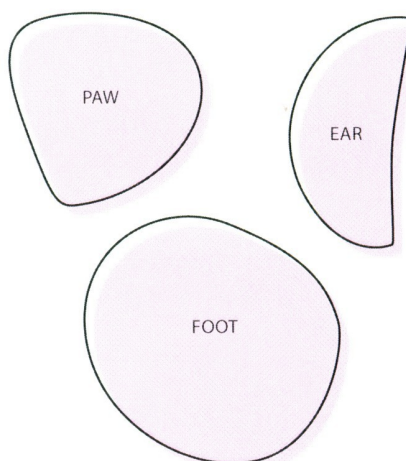
LEGS

Fold the legs in half with the knit sides together. Sew from the heel to the top of the leg. Turn the right way so that the knit sides are on the outside and fill with stuffing. Position the legs to the base of the body and sew them on tightly.

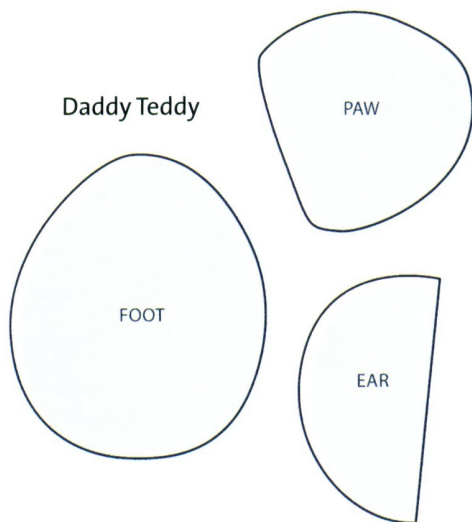
FINISHING TOUCHES

Embroider the nose, mouth and eyes using brown yarn. Using the correct size teddy bear templates for the bear you are making, cut out two iron-on interfacing-lined fabric feet pads, two paw pads and two ear linings. Position them correctly and sew on. ●

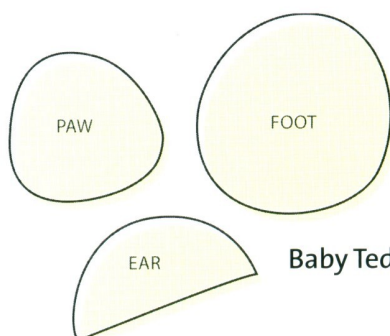
Mummy Teddy



Daddy Teddy



Use these templates when you're cutting out the fabric paw pads and ear linings.



Baby Teddy

BY R O W A N

Cheeky Chicks

These bean-bottomed chickens are quick to knit, and great fun for the over-three set to play with.

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These chicks are featured in Rowan's The Organic Cotton Kids Collection, (£7.95) which includes patterns for children and other toys. For stockist information call 01484 681881 or visit www.knitrowan.com

Pattern Info

You will need...

Rowan, Purelife Organic Cotton DK
1 x 50g/120m ball of each
Gordon

Yarn A Brazilwood (982)

Yarn B Madder (980)

Jamie

Yarn A Yellowwood (984) (see note)

Yarn B Madder (980)

Hugh

Yarn A Quebracho & Cuba (983)

Yarn B Madder (980)

A pair of 3¼mm needles

A 3.25mm crochet hook

Washable toy stuffing

Two small black beads

Plastic beads or popcorn kernels

4in (10cm) florist wire

For where to buy, see page 91 of

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Tension

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:

26 sts and 34 rows to measure 4x4in (10x10cm) over stocking stitch using 3¼mm needles

Abbreviations

K	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
P	purl
psso	pass slipped stitch over
rem	remain/ing
sl	slip
st(s)	stitch(es)

These gorgeous wobbly-legged chicks are as packed with character as the chefs they're named after! We don't recommend them for very small

children, as they could choke or hurt themselves on the small parts. **Yarn note** Yellowwood is now discontinued; we suggest using Medium Indigo (994) or Chlorophyll (992) in its place.

Start knitting here

BODY

Cast on 50 sts using 3¼mm needles and yarn A. Beg with a K row, work 8 rows in st st.

Row 9 K4, (k2tog, K8) 4 times, k2tog, K4. [45 sts]

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

Row 15 K4, (k2tog, K7) 4 times, k2tog, K3. [40 sts]

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

Row 21 K3, (k2tog, K6) 4 times, k2tog, K3. [35 sts]

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

Row 25 K3, (k2tog, K5) 4 times, k2tog, K2. [30 sts]

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

Row 29 K2, (k2tog, K4) 4 times, K2tog, K2. [25 sts]

Row 30 Purl.

Row 31 K1, (k2tog, K3) 4 times, K2tog, K2. [20 sts]

Row 32 Purl.

Row 33 *K2tog, K2, rep from * to end. [15 sts]

Row 34 Purl.

Row 35 K2, k2tog, (K1, k2tog) 3 times, K2. [11 sts]

Row 36 Purl.

Row 37 K1, *k2tog; rep from * to end. [6 sts]

Cast off rem sts.

BASE

Cast on 16 sts using 3¼mm needles and yarn A. Beg with a K row, work 4 rows in st st.

Row 5 K2, k2tog, K8, k2tog, K2. [14 sts]

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

Row 9 K2, k2tog, K6, k2tog, K2. [12 sts]

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

Row 13 K2, k2tog, K4, k2tog, K2. [10 sts]

Purl next and every foll alt row.

Row 15 K2, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K2. [8 sts]

Row 17 K2, k2tog, k2tog, K2. [6 sts]

Row 19 K2, k2tog, K2. [5 sts]

Row 21 K1, sl1, k2tog, psso, K1.

Cast off purlwise.

BEAK

Cast on 6 sts using 3¼mm needles and yarn B.

Row 1 *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Row 2 *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Row 3 Cast off 1 st, K1, P1 to end.

Row 4 Cast off 1 st, P1, K1 to end.

Row 5 Cast off 2 sts, K1.

Cast off rem 2 sts.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using 3.25mm crochet hook and yarn B, *work 10 ch, slip stitch into 10th ch from hook. This makes first toe. Repeat from * two more times to form three toes.

Work 25 more ch, finish off. Tie a knot halfway down leg to form knee. Use end of yarn to stitch toes together firmly at ankle. The other end of yarn will be used to sew leg to body.

TO MAKE UP

Sew the cast on edge of base to the centre 16 sts of body. Now sew left and right sides of base to left and right sides of body. Start at base and, using mattress stitch, sew 1¼in (3cm) up back seam. Sew the legs in place at front two corners. Fill the base of chicken with popcorn kernels or plastic beans, ½-¾in (1-2cm) deep. Now stuff the body with toy stuffing. Stitch the remainder of the seam. Sew the beak in place, and two black beads for eyes.

Using a simple running stitch and different coloured yarns sew three randomly placed circles over the body of the chicken.

'Hugh's' glasses are made from florist wire, but any soft wire will do. Take a piece of wire approx 4in (10cm) in length. Wrap wire around a pencil to form lenses, bend wire back to form spectacle arms. Trim and position by pushing wire into toy stuffing. Stitch in place if necessary.

COMB

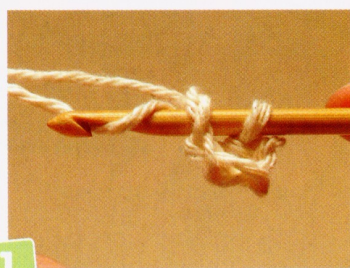
Using a 3.25mm crochet hook and a colour of your choosing, work 30 ch, use the yarn ends to sew in place. There are three loops one behind the other, in the comb, each loop is 10 ch. You can also form a loop of 10ch under the beak. (Optional)

TAIL

Using a 3.25mm crochet hook and as many colours as wished. Work a selection of chain lengths, from 15 to 30 sts long. Sew each length to the tail area of the chicken, each length forming a loop.

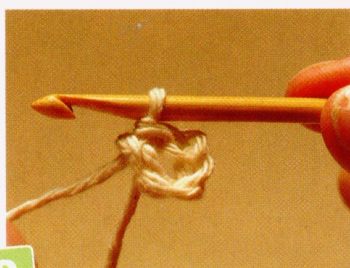
HOW TO... CREATE A SLIP STITCH

Here's how to work a slip stitch into another stitch.



1

Make a chain the length stated in the pattern instructions. Next, insert the crochet hook into the first chain.



2

Close the ring with a sl st (yfh and pull through).