

BUSH BABIES

AUSSIE ANIMALS FOR YOU TO MAKE

Who could resist these delightful knitted and crocheted outback animals? Just follow our simple instructions.

ABBREVIATIONS

alt = alternate/ing
approx = approximately
beg = begin/ning
ch = chain
cm/s = centimetres
cont = continue/ing
dc = double crochet
foll = following
garter stitch = knit every row
inc = increase/ing
K = Knit
M1 = make 1 — pick up loop which lies before next stitch, place on left hand needle and knit (or purl) into back of loop
P = Purl
patt = pattern
psso = pass slipped stitch over
rem = remain/ing
rep = repeat/ing
rsf = right side facing
sl = slip
st/s = stitch/es
st st = stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)
tbl = through back of loop
tog = together
tr = treble
ybk = yarn back
yft = yarn front
yftwd = yarn forward
yon = yarn over needle
yrn = yarn around needle
wsf = wrong side facing

Polly Possum

Measurements. About 29cm high.

Materials. Villawool Galaxy 12 ply (100g): Main Colour (MC) 1 ball; Contrast (C) 1 ball; one pair 5mm knitting needles; buttons for eyes; small quantity of white felt (backing for eyes); one pipe cleaner; grey leather or vinyl for paws; PVA craft glue; polyester wadding.

Tension. 17 sts to 10cm over st st using 5mm needles.

■ **BACK.** Using MC, cast on 20 sts. Working in st st throughout, work 2 rows.

3rd row. K1, M1, work to last st, M1, K1.

4th row. Work to last st, M1, P1.

5th row. Cast on 3 sts, work to last st, M1, K1.

6th row. Work to last st, M1, P1.

7th row. Cast on 2 sts, work to last st, M1, K1.

8th row. Purl.

9th row. Work to last st, M1, K1.

Rep 8th and 9th rows once. Work 5 rows.

17th row. Cast off 6 sts, work to end.

18th row and alt rows. Purl (unless otherwise instructed).

19th row. Cast off 3 sts, work to end.

21st row. K2 tog, work to end.

22nd row. Purl.

Rep 21st and 22nd rows twice.

27th row. Knit to last 2 sts, K2 tog.

28th row. Purl to last 2 sts, P2 tog. Work 6 rows.

35th row. Knit to last 2 sts, K2 tog.

37th row. K1, M1, knit to last 2 sts, K2 tog.

39th row. K1, M1, knit to end. Rep 38th and 39th rows once.

42nd row. Purl to last st, M1, P1.

43rd row. Cast on 2 sts, knit to end.

45th row. Work as 43rd row.

46th row. P2 tog, purl to end. Work 4 rows, P2 tog at beg of 4th row.

51st row. Cast off 4 sts, work to end.

53rd row. Cast off 3 sts, work to end.

54th row. P2 tog, purl to end.

55th row. K2 tog, knit to end.

56th row. Purl to last 2 sts, P2 tog.

Rep 55th and 56th rows once.

59th row. K1, M1, work to last st, M1, K1.

60th row. Purl to last st, M1, P1.

61st row. As 59th row.

62nd row. Purl.

Rep 61st and 62nd row once.

65th row. K1, M1, work to end.

66th row. Purl.

Rep last 2 rows once.

Work 2 rows.

71st row. K2 tog, knit to end.

72nd row. Purl to last 2 sts, P2 tog.

73rd row. K2 tog, knit to last 2 sts, K2 tog.

74th row. P2 tog, purl to last 2 sts, P2 tog.

Rep 73rd and 74th rows once. Cast off loosely.

Work another piece to correspond, working shapings in reverse.

■ **BASE AND FRONT.** Using MC, cast on 3 sts.

1st row. Knit.

2nd and alt rows. Purl unless otherwise instructed.

3rd row. K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, K1.

4th row. Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 7 times. Work 6 rows.

25th row. Cast on 4 sts, knit to end.

26th row. Cast on 4 sts, purl

to end.

27th row. Cast on 3 sts, knit to end.

28th row. Cast on 3 sts, purl to end. Work 6 rows.

35th row. Cast off 7 sts, knit to end.

36th row. Cast off 7 sts, purl to end.

37th row. Cast off 2 sts, knit to end.

38th row. Cast off 2 sts, purl to end.

39th row. K2 tog, knit to last 2 sts, K2 tog.

40th row. Purl. Work 2 rows.

43rd row. Cast off 3 sts, knit to end.

44th row. Cast off 3 sts, purl to end. Work 6 rows.

51st row. K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, K1.

52nd row. Purl.

Rep 51st and 52nd rows once.

55th row. Work as 51st row.

56th row. P1, M1, purl to last st, M1, P1.

57th row. Cast on 2 sts, knit to end.

58th row. Cast on 2 sts, purl to end. Work 4 rows.

63rd row. Cast off 5 sts, knit to end.

64th row. Cast off 5 sts, purl to end.

65th row. Cast off 3 sts, knit to end.

66th row. Cast off 3 sts, purl to end.

67th row. K3 tog. Cast off.

■ **HEAD GUSSET.** Using MC, cast on 3 sts.

1st row (wsf). Purl.

2nd row. K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, K1.

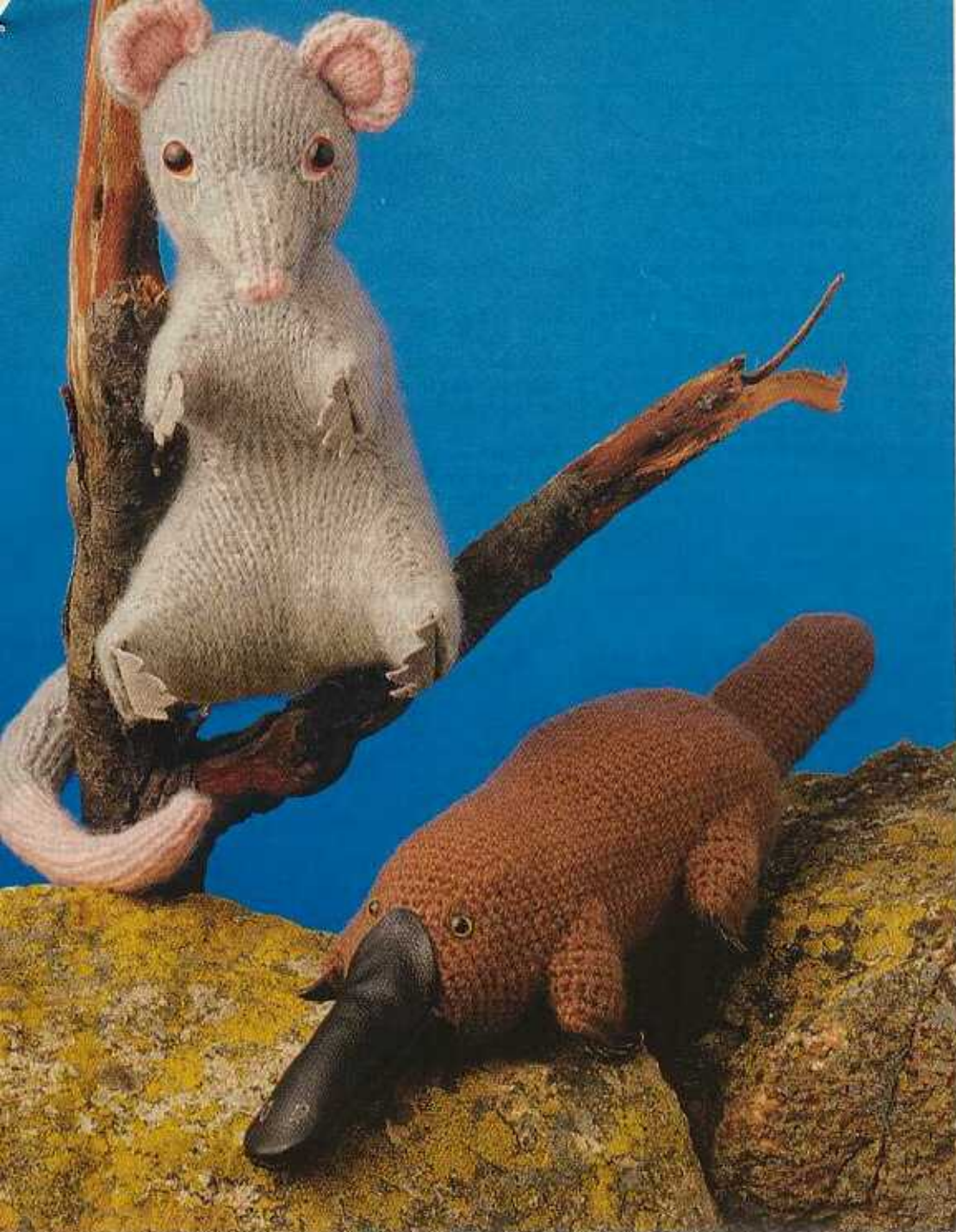
3rd row. Purl.

Rep 2nd and 3rd rows 3 times. Work 10 rows.

20th row. K2 tog, knit to last 2 sts, K2 tog.

21st row. Purl. Work 2 rows. Rep last 4 rows twice then 20th and 21st rows once.





Polly Possum is knitted in 12 ply pink and grey wool. Crochet Peter Platypus in 8 ply wool for a delightful animal duo.

Next row. Sl 1, K2 tog, pssso. Cast off.

■ **EARS** (Make four — two in MC and two in C). Cast on 10 sts.

Work 6 rows in st st.

7th row. K2 tog, knit to last 2 sts, K2 tog.

8th row. P2 tog, purl to last 2 sts, P2 tog.

Rep 7th and 8th rows once. K2 tog, cast off.

■ **NOSE**. Using MC, cast on 17 sts.

1st and alt rows (wsf). Purl.

2nd row. K1, P2 tog, K3, K2 tog, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K3, K2 tog, K1.

4th row. Knit.

6th row. K2 tog, K2, K2 tog,

K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K2, K2 tog.

8th row. K2 tog twice, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K2 tog. Break off MC.

9th row. Using C, purl.

10th row. Knit.

11th row. Purl.

12th row. K2 tog, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso.

Cast off.

■ **TAIL**. Using C, cast on 3 sts.

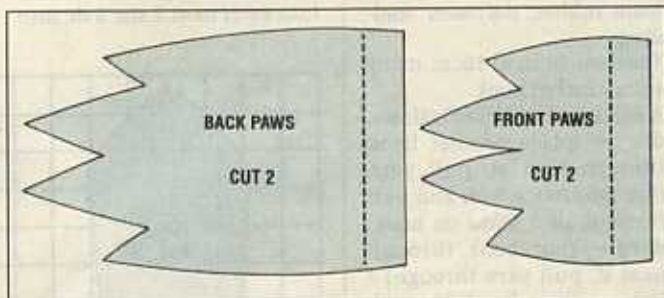
1st row. Knit.

2nd row. Purl.

3rd row. K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, K1.

4th row. Purl.

Rep 3rd and 4th rows twice, then 1st and 2nd rows 7 times, 3rd and 4th rows once, 1st and 2nd rows 3 times. ▶



POLLY POSSUM'S PAWS

ACTUAL SIZE



Break off C.

Using MC, work in st st, inc as before in 4th row then every 8th row twice. Cont until Tail measures 36cm. Cast off.

To make up. Using backstitch, join body pieces. Join Base and Front to Back beg at base of Back to neck in front on both sides, leaving opening for filling. Join Head Gusset at beg of Nose to back of neck. To finish Nose, join edges of 11th and 12th rows to 9th and 10th rows, then join side seam catching in cast off sts. Fill Body and Nose well, and join Head, matching decreasing rows with gusset lines.

Sew one C and one MC Ear piece together; fill lightly. Using backstitch and MC, join approximately 1cm from edge to form inner ear. Join to Head.

Join Tail seam. Before turning to right side, sew pipe cleaner along seam at C end. Fill Tail and join to Body. Make a curl at the end of Tail. Cut felt shapes for backing to eyes and attach to Head (if using eyes with shanks at the back, these must be put in place before Head is filled). Using pattern (previous page), cut paws from grey leather and sew or glue onto ends of legs.

Peter Platypus

Measurements. About 44cm long, 18cm high.

Materials. Villawool Brushwool 8 ply (50g): 2 balls; 4mm crochet hook; two buttons for eyes; black leather or vinyl for nose and flippers; PVA craft glue; 1.5 x 46 x 25cm foam rubber; polyester wadding.

Tension. 18dc to 10cm using 4mm crochet hook.

Additional Abbreviations. dec = (place crochet hook through next st, pull yarn through) twice, yoh and pull through all 3 loops on hook; dec3 = (put hook through next st, pull yarn through) 3 times, yoh and pull through all 4 loops on hook.

■ **BODY** (Beg at tail). Make 3 ch.

1st round. Miss 1 ch, work 3 dc into next ch, twice. Join into first dc with a sl st to form a ring.

2nd round. 1 ch (always work

first st in same st as sl st), 1 dc into next st, 2 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 2 sts, 2 dc into next st, 1 dc into next st, sl st (join each round with a sl st into first st).

3rd round. 1 ch, 1 dc into next st, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 3 sts, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 2 sts, sl st.

4th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 3 sts, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into next 5 sts, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 2 sts, sl st to join.

5th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 4 sts, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 7 sts, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 3 sts, sl st ... 20 sts.

6th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each st, sl st.

Rep 6th round 17 times.

24th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 5 sts, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 9 sts, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 4 sts, sl st to join.

25th round and alt rounds. As 6th round.

26th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 6 sts, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 11 sts, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 5 sts, sl st to join.

28th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 7 sts, 3 dc into next st, (1 dc into next st, 2 dc into next st) 6 times, 1 dc into next st, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 6 sts, sl st to join.

30th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 8 sts, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 21 sts, 3 dc into next st, 1 dc into each next 7 sts, sl st to join.

32nd round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 9 sts, 3 dc into next st, (1 dc into each next 2 sts, 2 dc into next st) 7 times, 1 dc into each next 2 sts, 3 dc into

next st, 1 dc into each next 8 sts, sl st to join.

Rep 6th round 21 times.

54th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 19 sts, (dec, 1 dc into next st) 5 times, 1 dc into each st to end of round, sl st to join.

Rep 6th round 12 times.

To shape head. 1st round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 9 sts, dec, 1 dc into each next 6 sts, dec, 1 dc into each next 10 sts, dec, 1 dc into each next 6 sts, dec, 1 dc into each st to end of round, sl st to join.

2nd and alt rounds. 1 ch, 1 dc into each st to end of round, sl st.

3rd round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 9 sts, dec, 1 dc into each next 5 sts, dec, 1 dc into each next 8 sts, dec, 1 dc into each next 6 sts, dec, 1 dc into each st to end of round, sl st to join.

5th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 9 sts, dec, 1 dc into each next 5 sts, dec, 1 dc into each next 6 sts, dec, 1 dc into each st to end of round, sl st to join.

7th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into each next 2 sts, dec, 1 dc into each next 12 sts, dec, 1 dc into each next 3 sts, dec. Work to last 3 sts, dec, 1 dc into last st, sl st to join.

9th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into next st, dec, 1 dc into each next 11 sts, dec3, 1 dc into each next 2 sts, dec3, 1 dc into each st to end of round, sl st to join.

11th round. 1 ch, 1 dc into next 12 sts, dec3, twice, 1 dc

into each st to end of round, sl st to join.

12th round. Work as for 2nd round. Fasten off.

■ **LEGS** (Make four). Make 16 ch.

1st row. Miss 1 ch, 1 dc into each ch to end of row.

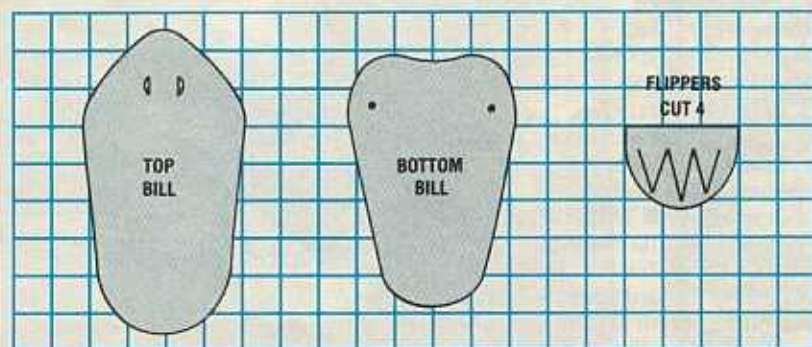
2nd row. 1 ch, 1 dc into each st to end of row.

Rep 2nd row once.

4th row. 1 ch, dec, work to last 2 sts, dec.

Rep 4th row until 3 sts rem, dec3. Fasten off.

To make up. Place crochet shape on piece of foam and cut out foam to fit, allowing 10cm extension for bill. Trim top edges of foam to give tapered sides. Place inside crocheted piece, using extra wadding to fill out back and head. Fit eyes in position. Using backstitch, join Leg seams. Following Graph, cut out four leather or vinyl flipper shapes, and using grey thread, sew claw outlines on each flipper. Using brown thread, place flipper in shaped edge of Leg with seam at centre back, and sew in place. Fill and join sides of Body. Following Graph, cut out two pieces of bill from leather. Using grey thread, embroider nostrils on top piece. With right sides together, sew edges to dots on each side, using a 1mm seam. Carefully turn to right side, trim foam to shape and slip bill over foam. Add extra filling; glue or sew in place. **FC**



PETER PLATYPUS

HOW TO ENLARGE PATTERNS

On paper, using ruler and set square, draw a grid of vertical and horizontal lines, spaced as indicated. To copy pattern one square at a time, mark where lines intersect grid, rule straight lines and draw curves.

5mm SEAM
ALLOWANCE
1sq=1.5cm