

# Impkins Family

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To Knit

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Clown

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Riding Hood

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Swim

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## Needed for Impkins Family

Mrs Impkin: 5 1/2" Impkin (FC3319)

Young Eric: 4" Impkin (FC3317)

and his sister Marion: 4 1/2" Impkin (FC3318)

Small amounts of various colours DK yarn.

Darning needle, small eyed needle, 22 small press studs.

3.25 mm needles (UK10, USA 3)

## Abbreviations

|       |                    |             |                                                  |
|-------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| k     | = knit             | tog         | = together                                       |
| p     | = purl             | inc         | = increase                                       |
| st-st | = stocking stitch  |             | (work twice into st)                             |
|       | (k 1 row, p 1 row) | cont        | = continue                                       |
| dec   | = decrease         | st          | = stitch                                         |
|       | (work two sts tog) | moss stitch | = with odd number of stitches k1,p1 on every row |

## USA Glossary

Double knit yarn = knitting worsted weight

Tension = gauge Cast off = bind off

## Tension:

6 st and 7 rows to 25mm (1 in) in st-st on 3.25mm needles

Impkins Family outfits all worked in double knit yarn and in st-st except where stated.

## Mother Impkin

**Shoes** (make 2) Cast on 12 sts.

Row 1 k inc in every st (24 sts)  
Row 2 p6, p2tog x 6 times, p6 (18 sts)  
Row 3 k6, ktog x 3 times, k 6 (15 sts)  
Row 4 Cast off.

Sew up back and underfoot seams.

**Panties** Cast on 16 sts

St-st 3 rows

Cont dec at each end of every row until 2 sts remain

Cont on these 2 sts for 6 rows.

Cont increasing at each end of every row until there are 16 sts on needle.

St-st 3 rows . Cast off.

With right sides in, sew side seams.

**Dress** - at home, ready to do the baking

Front - Cast on 24 sts

Row 1 p (right side of work) (hem border)  
Row 2 k (inside of work)  
Row 3 k (right side of work)

St-st 9 more rows

Next row k 1, k2tog all across row (16 sts) (waist)

Cont. 9 rows st-st (bodice)

Next row k5, cast off 6 sts, k5 (neck shaping)

Next row p (turn)

Cont. 4 rows

Next row cast on 4 sts (left back)

Cont. 9 rows (bodice)

Next row p1, inc in next st to last st p (13 sts)

Cont. 9 rows (skirt)

Next row k (inside of work - hem border)

Next row p (right side of work)

Next row Cast off.

Rejoin yarn and p across remaining sts. Work 4 shoulder rows casting on 4 sts at start of 4th of these rows. Complete 2nd back section by reversing instructions given for first side. Make up: Close side seams from hem to a little above waist shaping (leaving remainder of body side opening to form cap sleeves). Close back seam up from hem for 1" and sew press studs to close dress at waist and neck.

**Pinafore** Cast on 32 sts

Row 1 p (right side of work)

Row 2 p (wrong side of work)

Row 3 k

Rows 4 - 6 (inclusive) st-st

Row 7 k2 tog all across row (16 sts)

Row 8 Cast off 4 sts, p8, cast off 4 sts.

Rejoin yarn to centre 8 sts (bib section)

Cont. 6 rows Cast off.

Fastenings (make 4)

Cast on 12 sts Row 1 Cast off.

Sew a fastening piece at each side of waist and top of bib securing with press studs at centre backs.

**Dress** - Red Riding Hood fancy dress costume

Front: with black wool, cast on 32 sts

Row 1 p (right side of work) (dress border)

Row 2 k (inside of work)

Row 3 K1 (black), k1 (white) all across row

Row 4 p reversing black for white and white for black sts (check pattern).

Repeat rows 3 and 4 x 4 times

Next row With white wool only, k2tog all across row (16 sts)

Cont. on these sts for another 11 rows

Neck line (\* see also back sections at this stage)

Next row k3, cast off 10, k3

Next row p 3 (shoulder)

Next row turn and cast off. Rejoin wool to remaining 3 sts p

Next row Cast of.

Back sections: (make 2 - proceed as for front to (\* neckline) but using only half the number of sts (ie cast on 16 sts)

\* Shape neck line

Right back neck and shoulder k3, cast off 5 rejoining wool to remaining sts p

Next row Cast off

Left back cast off 5 sts, k 3

Next row p

Next row Cast off

Sew up side seams from hem to a little way up the bodice section. Sew shoulders. Sew about 1" up the back seam and sew press studs to close at neck and waist.

**Apron** - Red Riding Hood fancy dress outfit

With white wool, cast on 18 sts

Row 1 p (right side)

Row 2 k

Row 3 p2, k14, p2 (the p sts form neatening border)

Row 4 k2, p14, k2

Repeat rows 3 and 4

Next row k2tog across row Cast off.

Waistband: Cast on 40 sts

Row 1 cast off,

Sew apron to centre of waist band and secure with a press stud at centre back.

**Cloak**

Hood Section. With red yarn cast on 90sts (face frill)

Row 1 k

Row 2 p

Row 3 k3tog, p3tog all across row (30 sts)

Row 4 k (right side of crown section)

Cont. for another 19 rows st-st

Next row Cast off. Sew back seam of hood.

Cloak section. With right side facing, pick up 20 sts round neck line between each end of the face frill.

Next row p

Next row cast on 4 sts k

Next row cast on 4 sts p (28 sts)

Next row k2, inc in every st to the last 2 sts k (52 sts)

Cont. till cloak measures 3" (starting and finishing every p row with 2 k sts to make neat border up front of cloak) finishing with a k row.

Next row (wrong side of work - hem border) k

Next row (right side of work) p

Next row Cast off

**Basket** With Straw coloured yarn cast on 6 sts  
 Row 1 inc in each st p-wise  
 Row 2 inc in each st k-wise  
 Row 3 k (these three rows form the basket base)  
 Row 4 (right side) k2, p2 across row  
 Row 5 k2, p2 across row  
 Row 6 p2, k2 across row  
 Row 7 p2. k2 across row  
 Repeat rows 4 to 7  
 Row 12 p  
 Row 13 Cast off  
 Handle Cast on 16 sts. Cast off  
 Make up: Sew seam with wrong side out, flatten basket so that seam is at the back and then sew along the base. Turn right side out and sew handle in position.

**Bathing Suit** With basic coloured yarn cast on 16 sts  
 Body work 4 rows  
 Row 5 k2tog at each end of row  
 Row 6 p2tog at each end of row  
 Cont. dec at each end of every row until 4 sts remain  
 St-st 6 rows  
 Cont. increasing at each end of every row until 16 sts remain  
 Cont. for 8 rows  
 Cast off. Sew side seams.  
 Frills (make 2) With contrast colour, cast on 60 sts  
 Row 1 join basic colour wool k  
 Row 2 p2tog all across row  
 Row 3 cast off  
 Sew one frill round bottom of swim suit, just above the leg shaping, and one round front neck line (centre of frill at centre front) and sew the remaining 'straps' sections to left and right of the back waistline of the suit..

**Bathing cap** With basic coloured yarn, cast on 40 sts  
 St-st 16 rows  
 Row 17 k2tog all across row  
 Row 18 p2tog all across row  
 Cut yarn, thread through remaining sts, pull up tightly and sew seam.

**Rosettes** (make 3) In contrast colour yarn cast on 10 sts  
 Cut yarn, thread it through sts on needle, pull up tightly and sew into rosette shape. Decorate bathing cap with rosettes.

## Sister Marion

**Shoes (and Socks)** Cast on 10 sts in shoe colour.

Row 1 k inc in every st (20 sts)  
 Row 2 p5, p2tog x 5 times, p2  
 Row 3 (join white yarn if socks required) k  
 Row 4 p  
 Row 5 Cast off  
 With right side in, sew up back and underfoot seam.  
 Turn right side out.

**Panties** With white yarn cast on 14 sts

St-st 4 rows  
 Next row cast off 6 sts, k8  
 Next row cast off 6 sts, p2  
 St-st 4 rows on these 2 sts  
 Next row cast on 6 sts, k  
 Next row cast on 6 sts, p  
 St-st 4 rows Cast off.  
 With right side in, sew up side seams.  
 Turn right side out.

**Blouse - for School Uniform**

With white yarn cast on 18 sts  
 Front St-st 4 rows  
 Next row cast on 4 sts, k  
 Next row cast on 4 sts, p  
 St-st 6 rows  
 Next row k 7, cast off 12 sts, k7  
 Right back  
 Next row cast on 6 sts, k  
 St-st 6 rows  
 Next row cast off 4 sts, continue across row  
 St-st 4 rows Cast off.  
 Left back Rejoin yarn to sts remaining on needle and work shapings as for right back but in reverse.

**Collar** (2 sides - both the same)

With wrong side facing, pick up 8 sts along neckline, leaving 2 sts at centre back (these 2 sts form the overlap for press studs) and 1 st at centre front.

Row 1 p  
 Row 2 k inc in each st  
 Row 3 p  
 Row 4 Cast off

Sew press studs at neck and waist to close back of blouse.

**Skirt - for school uniform**

With green yarn cast on 48 sts.

Rib (1 k, 1 p every row ) for 6 rows

Next row \*Cast off 4 sts, k2tog casting off resulting st\*\*, re from \* to \*\* across row (waist band).

Shoulder straps (make 2) cast on 20 sts

Row 1 Cast off.

Sew shoulder straps to front of skirt waistband (see picture). Sew press studs to other ends of shoulder straps and back waist.

**Tie - for school uniform**

With yellow yarn cast on 3 sts. Moss st 6 rows. Cast off.

Sew tie to blouse at neckline.

**Beret - for school uniform**

With green yarn cast on 40 sts

Rib (1k, 1p) for 2 rows

Row 3 \*k4, inc in next st\*\*, rep from \* to \*\* across row  
 Row 4 p (cont-p every even numbered row (ie each alternate row) until Row 18)  
 Row 5 \*k5, inc in next st\*\*, rep from \* to \*\* across row  
 Row 7 \*k6, inc in next st\*\*, rep from \* to \*\* across row  
 Row 9 k  
 Row 11 \*k6, k2tog\*\* rep from \* to \*\* across row  
 Row 13 \*k5, k2tog\*\* rep from \* to \*\* across row  
 Row 15 \*k4, k2tog\*\* rep from \* to \*\* across row  
 Row 17 \*k3, k2tog\*\* rep from \* to \*\* across row  
 Row 18 \*p2tog, p2\*\* rep from \* to \*\* across row  
 Row 19 \*k1, k2tog\*\* rep from \* to \*\* across row  
 Row 20 p2tog across row

Cut yarn, leaving enough thread through sts on needle. Pull up tightly and sew seam. Embroider school badge on beret.

**Ballet Outfit**

**Tutu** - With white yarn cast on 10 sts (front)

Row 1 k  
 Rows 2 - 4 inclusive inc at each end of row (16 sts)  
 Rows 5 - 8 inclusive st-st  
 Row 9 Cast off 7 sts, k9 (leg shaping)  
 Row 10 Cast off 7 sts, k2  
 Rows 11-16 st-st on these 2 sts  
 Row 17 Cast on 7 sts k2 (start of body back)  
 Row 18 Cast on 7 sts k9  
 Rows 19 - 22 inclusive st-st

Rows 23-25 dec at each end of row (10 sts)

Row 26 Cast off

Shoulder straps (make 2) Cast on 10 sts

Row 1 Cast off

Sew straps in position on front of dress (see picture). Sew press studs to secure straps at back of costume.

Skirt frills

Frill 1 Cast on 90 sts  
 Row 1 k3tog, p3tog all across row, casting off at same time.

Frill 2 Cast on 90 sts

Row 1 k  
 Row 2 p3tog, k3tog all across row, casting off at same time.

Frill 3 Cast on 90 sts

Row 1 k  
 Row 2 p  
 Row 3 k3tog, p3tog all across row, casting off at same time.

Making up: Take the frills and with the 1st underneath, the 2nd in the middle and the 3rd on top, oversew the frills together along their cast off sts. Sew frills to body section level with the top of the leg shaping. Roses (make 2 for dress) cast on 10 sts. Cut yarn, leaving enough to sew the roses to the costume and thread this through the sts on the needle. Pull up tightly, rolling work into rose shape. sew into position.



**Ballet Shoes** - Same as shoe up to Row 3 then cast off.

## Clown Outfit

### Body sections (make 4)

First sections (1 of each colour). Cast on 10 sts st-st 10 rows

\*Row 11 dec at start of row

Row 12 dec at end of row \*\*

Rep from \* to \*\* until 4 sts remain. Cast off.

Opposite sections (1 of each colour)

Reverse shapings given for first sections (ie end of row=start of row and vice versa).

### Sleeves (make one of each colour) cast on 28 sts (wrist frill)

Row 1 Join body colour and k2tog all across row.

Rows 2,3 & 4 st-st

Row 5 dec each end of row (arm shaping)

Continue to dec at each end of each row until 4 sts remain.

Next row p

Next row Cast off (the 4 cast-off sts form part of neckline)

### Neck frill

With contrast colour cast on 60 sts.

Row 1 k

Row 2 p3tog all across row, casting off at same time.

Make Up: With inside out sew sleeves to both body sections of same colour. Join under arm and side seams, turn right side out. (At this stage the costume is still in 2 halves).

With contrast yarn and ride side facing, pick up 12 sts round the hem of each leg (ankle frill).

Row 1 p inc in each st and pick up st between sts

Row 2 Cast off

With right sides in, join front seam to within about 1/4" of leg hem. Join leg seams and join back body seam leaving a small opening for dressing the Impkin. Sew neck frill in position and finish by sewing press stud to close back opening.

### Hat (make 2 sections - one in each colour)

Cast on 20 sts

Rows 1 and 2 st-st

Now dec at each end of every k row (ie every alternate row) until 2 sts remain. p these tog, cut yarn and pull through remaining st. With insides out sew both pieces together. Turn right side out. Make 5 tiny pom poms and place as picture.

## Young Eric

### Shoes (make 2) Cast on 6 sts

Row 1 k inc in every st (12 sts)

Row 2 p

Row 3 k4, k2tog, k2tog, k4 (10 sts)

Row 4 cast off

Make Up: With inside out close underfoot & leg seam.

### Dungarees

Legs: (make 2) cast on 14 sts

First leg st-st 3 rows (break off wool, leaving this leg on the needle in use.) Second leg rep first leg (so now there are 2 legs on the needle).

Body p across these 2 legs and do 5 more rows in st-st

Next row cast off 11 sts, p 6, cast off 11 sts.

Bib - next row join yarn to centre sts k. St-st 3 rows. Next row cast off. Make up by joining leg sections & back seam. Turn right side out. Pocket: Cast on 4 sts and do 3 rows in st-st. Cast off.

Shoulder straps (make 2) cast on 20 sts.

Row 1 cast off. Sew one strap on either side of the back centre seam and small press studs to top corners.

### Shirt Cast on 16 sts

Rows 1 and 2 st-st

Row 3 cast on 2 sts at start of row k

Row 4 Cast on 2 sts at start of row p (20 sts)

Rows 5-8 inclusive st-st

Row 9 k6, cast off 8 sts, k6

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Left front

Row 10 p6 turn

Row 11 Cast on 6 sts at start of row k (12 sts)

Rows 12-17 st-st

Row 18 Cast off 2 sts, p10

Rows 19 and 20 st-st

Row 21 Cast off.

Right front Rejoin yarn and work as for left side but reverse shaping instructions (eg Row 11 k6 (cast on 6 sts at start of row 12 (12 sts). Row 18 p, Row 19 cast off 2 sts). Make up: Close side & underarm seams. Sew press stud at front opening.

### Hat - for Eric at home in the garden

With yellow yarn cast on 45 sts and in st-st work 4 rows

Row 5 \*k4, k2tog\*\* rep from \* to \*\* to last 3 sts k

Row 6 p

Row 7 \*k3, k2tog\*\* rep from \* to \*\* to last 3 sts k

Row 8 p

Row 9 \*k2, k2tog\*\* rep from \* to \*\* to last 3 sts k

Row 10 p

Row 11 \*k1 k2tog\*\* rep from \* to \*\* across row

Row 12 p

Row 13 k2tog all across row

Row 14 p

Cut yarn (leaving enough to sew seam) and thread it through remaining sts on needle. Pull up tightly and sew back seam. Brim: cast on 90 sts and work 2 rows in st-st. Work 3 k2tog all across row, casting off at same time. Sew brim to crown.

## Wee Willie Winkie

### Nightshirt with basic colour yarn cast on 12 sts

Row 1 k

Row 2 p inc at each end of the row

Row 3 k, join contrast yarn and inc each end of row

Row 4 p (basic colour) inc each end of row (18 sts)

Row 5 k (cont. keeping the striped pattern regular)

Rows 6-8 inclusive st-st

Rows 9-12 inclusive dec at each end of row

Row 13 k

Row 14 Cast off.

Back (left side) with basic yarn cast on 6 sts

Row 1 k

Row 2 p inc in first st

Row 3 k (join contrast yarn) inc in last st

Row 4 p inc in first st

Rows 5-8 inclusive st-st

Rows 9-12 inclusive dec at end of row

Row 13 k

Row 14 Cast off

Back (right side) Work as for left side but reverse shapings

Sleeves (make 2) with contrast yarn cast on 12 sts

Row 1 join basic yarn - k

Rows 2-5 inclusive dec at each end of row

Rows 6 and 7 st-st

Row 8 Cast off

Make Up: Sew raglan sleeves to front and backs of body. Sew seams. With contrast yarn and right side facing pick up about 30 sts round hem line to form border. Cast off. Sew press studs at neck and waist.

### Nightcap with contrast wool cast on 40 sts.

Row 1 join basic wool k

Row 2 - 8 inclusive st-st

Row 9 \*k9, k2tog\*\* rep from \* to \*\* to last 7 sts k

Row 10-12 inclusive st-st

Rows 9-12 form basic style for shaping cap except that on every dec row k one less st before k2tog (ie row 13 k 8 not 9 before k2tog). Continue pattern down to row 45 k2tog all across row. Complete 4 row pattern and cast off. Sew up seam and complete as picture.

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