

Jean Greenhowe's Bazaar Knits

Forty fund-raising novelties



DOUBLE KNITTING YARN

Notes

If you enjoy knitting for charity, it can be quite a problem finding things to make which are quick, easy, inexpensive and yet attractive enough to sell like hot cakes! The designs in this booklet are a pleasure to knit and excellent fund-raisers, as they require only small oddments of double knitting yarn and take very little time to complete.

The Pedlar doll from bygone days, captures the theme of the bazaar. Inspired by antique Victorian pedlar dolls, she would make an excellent raffle prize or a delightful ornament to treasure.

Happy knitting!

Jean

General materials required

Double knitting yarn [USA, knitting worsted weight: **Australia**, 8 ply] in colours stated in the instructions, or colours of your choice. Only small oddments are required for all the designs, except for the Pedlar doll's skirt, where you need 28g [1oz] of the main colour.

Good quality washable stuffing, small amounts required or quantity will be quoted where necessary.

A red colouring pencil for shading cheeks.

A pair of tweezers [useful for turning small knitted pieces right side out and also for inserting small amounts of stuffing].

A pair of compasses for drawing circles.

Cardboard, such as cuttings off washing powder packets and breakfast cereal packets. This type of cardboard is the correct thickness to use when required.

Glue, suitable for sticking cardboard and paper.

Knitting needles required

A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2]

A pair of 4mm [No 8, USA 5]

Scented sachets

Knitted sachets can be loosely filled with dried lavender flowers, but they must be closely knitted in order to contain the lavender. If you tend to knit loosely, use one size smaller knitting needles.

Alternatively, the sachets can be filled with a little stuffing which has been perfumed with a drop of pot-pourri revitaliser oil. This oil is usually available from shops which sell pot-pourri and it comes in a variety of different scents.

Abbreviations

cm = centimetre[s]; dec = decrease [by working 2 sts tog]; g-st = garter stitch [every row K]; g = gram[s]; inc = increase [by working twice into same st]; in = inch[es]; K = knit; m = metre[s]; mm = millimetre[s]; oz = ounce[s]; P = purl; st[s] = stitch[es]; st-st = stocking stitch [K on the right side and P on the wrong side]; tog = together; yd = yard[s].

Special abbreviations

B & T tightly — means break off yarn leaving a long end, thread it through sts left on knitting needle, pull up to gather tightly, then fasten off.

B & T loosely — means same as above, but thread yarn through sts loosely and leave until later on.

USA glossary

Cast off — bind off

Tension — gauge

Instructions in round brackets

These are to be repeated the number of times stated after the closing bracket.

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Stars are used to mark a place in the instructions which will be referred to later on. Meanwhile, follow the instructions in the usual way.

Tension

Using 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles and a single strand of double knitting yarn: 26 sts = 10cm [4in] in width over st-st, before stuffing.

Using 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles and two strands of double knitting yarn together: 20 sts = 10cm [4in] in width over st-st before stuffing.

Casting on

The thumb method is recommended.

Casting off

Always cast off K wise unless otherwise stated.

Working in st-st

Always begin with a K row unless otherwise stated.

Working in stripes

When knitting different coloured stripes, carry yarns loosely up side of work.

Making up

Join all seams having right sides of work together and back-stitch one knitted stitch within the edges, unless oversewing is stipulated. When sewing up the pieces which are knitted in *double* yarn, use a single strand of yarn.

Colouring cheeks

Use the *side* of the red pencil lead and rub it against the knitted stitches with a circular motion.

Twisted cords

To make a cord from a single length of yarn [single twisted cord], cut a strand of yarn four times as long as the measurement required. Knot one end round a door knob or hook and knot a loop in the other end to fit round the index finger of your right hand. Now keeping the yarn taut, twist your finger round and round in a clockwise direction, steadying the yarn by holding your left hand cupped around it close

to your right hand. Keep twisting until when relaxed, the strand of yarn begins to curl tightly back on itself. Fold cord at centre, bringing ends together. Allow yarn to twist tightly, knot ends and trim to length.

Use the same method when a double twisted cord is specified, but use a double length of yarn four times as long as the measurement required.

Working embroidered stitches

If the item has a hat sewn on [for example the Pedlar doll], then the embroidered facial stitches can be worked in yarn starting and fastening off the yarn ends at top of head, where they will be hidden by the hat. If these starting and fastening off stitches can not be hidden, then proceed as follows.

Thread a blunt-ended needle and knot end of yarn. Take needle through the stuffed item passing it *between* the knitted sts and bring it out at the position required. Pull the yarn to draw the knotted end right inside the stuffing. Tug the yarn to make sure the knot is caught in the stuffing.

Now work the required embroidered stitches. Pass the needle back through the item to come out at a position *between* the knitted sts. Pass needle back through item again *between* the *same* knitted sts to come out at a different position. Repeat until yarn is securely fastened off, then pull end of yarn and snip off close to the item.

Toy safety guidelines

A certain amount of common sense should always be used regarding the safety factor in children's toys. It is important to ensure that the toy you are making is appropriate for the age group of the child for which it is intended. For example, children under 3 years of age should not be given toys which have separate tiny parts, or any small attached pieces which might be pulled off.

The materials used for the few toys which appear in this booklet are:— knitting yarn, polyester stuffing, plastic drinking straws, plastic plant pots and cardboard. Do not add any other materials such as wire, pipe cleaners, buttons or beads.

Use only new, hygienic, washable stuffing which conforms to current safety standards — your craft materials supplier will advise.

When sewing up the toys always use large glass-headed or plastic-headed pins. Ordinary pins should not be used as they can pass into a knitted toy between the knitted sts.

Take care to sew all the added pieces *securely* in place — for example arms, hats, etc. If a yarn cord is tied in a bow on a toy, sew through the bow so that it can not be undone if pulled.

Message Medals

"You deserve a medal!" Now you can award your own personalised medal to a relative or friend to celebrate any occasion. The cardboard disc is easily removed so you can write on the message of your choice. Or, if making for a bazaar, simply leave the disc blank.

Measurement: Length of medal including ribbon is 18cm [7in].

Materials: Cardboard; thin plain white or coloured card [you can use up the plain bits on old greetings cards]; glue; safety pin about 4.5cm [1½in] in length; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Note: Instructions are given for the medal with the rainbow-striped ribbon, but the stripes can be worked in numerous other sequences and colours.

To work out your own sequence of stripes, first note that there are 30 g-st rows between the cast on and cast off edges of the ribbon and that a stripe should always consist of two rows minimum. Therefore 30 g-st rows = 15 stripes. One of these will be the *centre* stripe and this leaves seven two-row stripes on each side of the centre stripe. From this you can work out various colour combinations and how many rows you wish to have in each colour.

The ribbon

Using red cast on 26 sts and g-st 2 rows. Joining and breaking yarns as required continue in g-st. Work 4 rows orange, 4 rows yellow, 2 rows green, 6 rows blue, 2 rows green, 4 rows yellow, 4 rows orange and 2 rows red. Using red, cast off P wise.

Note that the set of row ends with the joined-in ends of yarn will be the top edge of the ribbon. Fold the two lower corners of ribbon to wrong side and oversew them together, then continue oversewing the row ends together, thus forming the V-point. Catch the top of this seam to back of ribbon.

The medal

Begin at front edge and using blue cast on 36 sts.

G-st 3 rows.

Break off blue and join on red.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 54 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Shape back of medal

1st row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 45 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

5th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

7th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

9th row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together and turn right side out.

Cut two 7cm [2¾in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together for strength. Now glue on a circle of white or coloured card, to tone with colours of yarn used. Insert the cardboard circle into the knitted medal.

Now sew the lower point of the ribbon to the oversewn seam at outer edge of the medal.

Babyface Brooches

These cute little brooches couldn't be simpler to make — the faces and hats are knitted in one piece.

Measurement: About 4cm [1½in] across face.

Materials: Safety pin about 2.5cm [1in] in length; stuffing; red pencil; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

To make

Using main hat colour cast on 16 sts loosely. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 24 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows. Break off yarn and join on contrast colour. G-st 4 rows.

Break off yarn and join on face colour. Continue in st-st and work 5 rows, beginning with a K row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 12 sts. B & T tightly.

Medal decoration and ribbon fastening strip

Make both of these in same colour.

For the medal decoration use green and cast on 24 sts. Cast off. Form the strip into a small loop at centre. Sew the loop to seam at top of medal. Fold ends of strip up alongside the loop and sew in place.

For the ribbon fastening strip, use green and cast on 16 sts. Noting that first row is *right* side, g-st 8 rows.

Next row: P, to mark the fold line at centre of the piece. G-st 8 rows, then cast off.

Fold the piece in half at fold line. Insert top edge of the ribbon, so that it is level with the fold. Open up the ribbon fastening piece and slip stitch top edge of ribbon to the fold. Now catch cast on and cast off edges of ribbon fastening piece to front and back of ribbon. Oversew row ends together at each side.

Place safety pin across back of the piece. Oversew the bar of the safety pin in place, i.e. the side opposite to the actual pin.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff lightly. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Flatten the shape with gathered sts at top and at bottom and with seam at centre back. Now push gathered top of hat a little towards back of brooch, bringing gathered lower edge of face to front at lower edge.

For each eye cut a 10cm [4in] length of black yarn. Tie a knot at centre of each length, but instead of winding yarn round once as when making a single knot, wind yarn round four times before pulling tight. Sew one end of each yarn length through face, leaving about 1cm [¾in] between them. Sew other ends through face just below first position. Knot ends of yarn at back of brooch and trim off excess length. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

Make a soother as given for Baby egg cosy [page 8]. Sew it to gathered lower edge of face. Neaten back of brooch by making and sewing on circle and a safety pin as for Flower Brooch [page 6].

Knit cap bobble as for soother. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly then sew to top of cap.



Comical Cactii



Three cheeky characters which can be made as pincushions or amusing ornaments.

Measurements: Cactus with flowers is 11cm [4½in] high, those with hats are a bit taller.

Materials: Stuffing; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Basic cactus

Cactus

Using green cast on 24 sts and g-st 29 rows. Cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends for top of head. Pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff firmly to measure 12cm [4½in] around at centre of the cactus. Gather round remaining set of row ends for base, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Soil

Using a sandy shade of yarn cast on 16 sts and work in g-st for 18cm [7in]. Cast off. Fold 2cm [¾in] down at one long edge of strip, then catch the entire folded-down edge loosely in place. With the folded portion against cactus and the other set of row ends level with base of cactus, wind the strip tightly around the cactus twice. Sew end of the soil strip in place. Catch all row ends to cactus at base. Catch rows together at top of soil strip.

Plant pot

Using colour required for pot [see illustration] cast on 24 sts and work in g-st for 11cm [4½in]. Cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Fold down one set of row ends to meet the other set, so you now have a double thickness tube-shape. Oversew row ends together. Place the piece onto the soil, stretching it to go over soil and having lower row ends of both level. Catch row ends of pot to soil. Catch soil to pot at top, noting that top edge of pot will be a bit higher than soil level.

Arms [make two alike]

Using green cast on 9 sts and g-st 11 rows. Cast off. Oversew seam and gather one end as for cactus. Turn right side out and stuff. Sew the open ends of arms to sides of cactus as illustrated.

Face

Use black yarn. Work a chain stitch for each eye, about 2cm [¾in] down from gathered top of head and 1cm [¾in] apart. Work a V-shape for mouth 1cm [¾in] below eyes.

Flowering cactus

Make basic cactus. Add flowers as illustrated, making them as for buds on Picture Frame [page 10].

Mexican cactus

Make basic cactus. To decorate the plant pot, use contrast colour yarn and work running stitches round the pot through the g-st loops. Use another colour to sew up and down alternately through these stitches, forming decoration illustrated. Repeat the design if desired.

Hat brim

Using three strands of yellow yarn, cast on 36 sts for edge of brim.

Break off two strands and continue in single yarn. When knitting the next row, treat the three strands of yarn on each st as one st.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (P1, P2tog) to end — 24 sts. Cast off. Oversew row ends together. Place brim on top of cactus and sew cast off edge in place.

Crown of hat

Using red cast on 24 sts loosely. P 1 row.

Break off red and join on yellow.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 16 sts.

5th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

7th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out.

Put a little stuffing inside. Slip stitch cast on edge to brim, with this edge overlapping cast off edge of brim.

Blanket

Using red cast on 6 sts. Work 2 rows in g-st. Join on light blue and continue in g-st working in two-row stripes of light blue and red alternately. Work 24 rows. Cast off using red. Place over one arm and catch to cactus.

Texan cactus

Make basic cactus. Decorate pot as for Mexican cactus but oversew through the running stitches instead of working up and down.

Hat

Using tan instead of yellow, black instead of red, work and sew in place as for Mexican hat. Catch the brim to base of hat crown at sides. Push centre top of hat down and catch it to head.

Neck scarf

Using red cast on 35 sts and work throughout in g-st. Cast off 3 sts at beginning of every row but slip first st each time. Continue until 2 sts remain. Fasten off the 2 sts. Place scarf around cactus and sew ends together at one side as illustrated.

Pop-up Cactii



These jolly pop-up plants will give many hours of playtime fun.

Measurement: Cactus body measures 5cm [2in] in length.

Materials: A 6cm [2½in] size plastic plant pot — the inexpensive flexible type sold at garden suppliers; three 5mm [¼in] diameter plastic drinking straws; stuffing; 3mm [No11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Pop-up handle

Trim each of the straws to measure 15cm [6in] in length. Now assemble them as given for Mobile hanging rod from ★ to ★★ [page 15]. To cover the handle, use tan yarn and cast on 5 sts. Work in st-st until strip is same length as the straw handle. B & T tightly.

Gather up the cast on sts tightly. Starting at this end, oversew row ends together with P side of st-st outside and enclosing the handle as you go.

Cactus

For body use green and cast on 14 sts. G-st 19 rows. Cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends for top of head. Pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff firmly to half way down body. Insert one end of the handle against the stuffing. Continue stuffing the body round the handle, until body is full. Gather round lower set of row ends, pull up tightly around handle and fasten off. Catch to the knitted sts on handle.

Use black yarn for face. Work a chain stitch for each eye 1.5cm [¾in] down from gathered top of head and 5mm [¼in] apart. Work a V-shape for mouth just below eyes.

For arms [make two alike] use green, cast on 7 sts and g-st 9 rows. Cast off. Make up as for body, turn right side out and stuff. Sew open ends of arms to sides of body.

Add flowers as illustrated, making them as for the buds on Picture Frame [page 10].

Plant pot

Cut a hole at centre of plastic plant pot base, making it large enough for the pop-up handle to pass through easily. If necessary, use a bit of sandpaper to smooth off the hole.

To cover the pot use tan yarn. Cast on 24 sts and work in g-st for 11cm [4½in]. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Turn right side out. Gather round one set of row ends for base of pot. Pull up gathers, leaving a finger-sized hole for the handle to pass through. Fasten off. Pull the knitted pot on to the plastic plant pot. The top set of row ends will extend about 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] above top edge of plastic pot. Gather round this set of row ends and draw up gathers just enough to make this section lie flat across top of pot. Fasten off.

Push end of handle through hole in pot base, so that cactus is inside the pot.

To keep the handle from coming out of the pot when cactus is popped-up, make a retaining strip as follows. Use tan, cast on 14 sts and g-st 3 rows. Cast off. Wind this strip tightly round and round the handle 5cm [2in] away from the end. Sew the wound strip to handle.

Cactus Finger Puppets

Continuing with the cactus theme, you can make these miniature finger puppets, complete with tiny pots.

Measurement: 5cm [2in] in length.

Materials: Stuffing; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Cactus

Make body, add face and arms in same way as for Pop-up Cactii but do not stuff the body and leave lower edge of body open.

Plant pot

Using two strands of tan yarn begin at top edge and cast on 18 sts. Break off one strand and continue in single yarn. When working next row, treat the two strands of yarn on each st as one st. G-st 6 rows. Cast off P wise.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Slip the pot onto lower portion of cactus, with lower edges of both level. Slip stitch lower edges together and catch top edge of pot to cactus.



Watch Pincushions

Bold and bright, these super-sized wristwatch pincushions have stretchy garter stitch straps which fasten with Velcro.

Measurement: The watch is 5.5cm [2¼in] in diameter.

Materials: Cardboard; stuffing; a 3cm [1¼in] strip of 2cm [¾in] wide Velcro fastener; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Watch

★ Using main watch colour cast on 22 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 33 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 8 rows.

Break off yarn and join on black.

P 1 row.

Break off black and join on watch face colour.

Continue in st-st and work 4 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 22 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts.

B & T tightly, for centre of watch face.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff firmly ★★.

Use a length of yarn to match the watch face and thread it into a darning needle. Knot end. Take needle through stuffing and bring it out at gathered centre of watch face. Pass needle

back through again, pull tightly to flatten watch, then fasten off in the stuffing.

Use black yarn for all the watch face details, starting and fastening off in the stuffing. Work a short stitch at each quarter hour, then work a long stitch from centre for minute finger and a shorter stitch for hour finger.

Cut a 5cm [2in] diameter circle of cardboard and ease it inside the cast on edge. Make sure card is thick enough to protect wrist from pins. Gather round cast on edge and pull up gathers, but leave a 2.5cm [1in] diameter circle of card still showing. Fasten off.

For the winder use main watch colour and cast

on 10 sts. G-st 2 rows then cast off. Roll up tightly from one set of row ends to the other. Place back of watch at centre of strap and sew strap in place where it touches watch. Round off the sharp corners of each Velcro strip. Sew in place with ordinary sewing thread. Sew one strip to end of strap and other strip to other end of strap on the reverse side.

Strap

Using required colour cast on 10 sts. Work in g-st until strap measures 18cm [7in]. Cast off.

Place back of watch at centre of strap and sew strap in place where it touches watch. Round off the sharp corners of each Velcro strip. Sew in place with ordinary sewing thread. Sew one strip to end of strap and other strip to other end of strap on the reverse side.

Flower Brooches

Use the same basic pattern to create four attractive flower brooches — a daisy, buttercup, pansy or nasturtium.

Measurement: Each flower measures about 3.5cm [1½in] across centre.

Materials: Safety pins, about 2.5cm [1in] in length; stuffing; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Daisy brooch

Begin at centre back of flower and using pink cast on 7 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 14 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 28 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 4 rows.

Break off pink and join on white.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts ★.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts. B & T loosely, taking care to leave a 30cm [12in] length of yarn. These sts will be at centre front of the flower.

Gather up cast on sts tightly, then join row ends. Turn right side out. Stuff lightly and evenly. Pull up length of yarn tightly and fasten off, but leave yarn threaded in your sewing needle. Take yarn round edge of flower and pass needle through gathered cast on sts to come out at gathered front sts. Pull yarn tight to depress it into edge of flower. Repeat this to divide flower into four equal quarters. Repeat in each quarter so that you have eight 'petals'. Fasten off yarn. Work centre of flower in yellow stitches.

For each leaf use green and cast on 10 sts.

1st row: K to last 2 sts, turn.

2nd row: K to end.

3rd row: K. Cast off.

For stalk use green and cast on 10 sts. Cast off.

Sew two leaves and a stalk to back of flower arranging them as shown in the illustration.

For the brooch back, use green and cast on 20 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together. Sew to back of flower. Place safety pin across centre of this circle. Oversew the bar of the safety pin to the circle, i.e. the side opposite to the actual pin.

Buttercup brooch

Make flower as for daisy, using yellow throughout, but oversew round edge to make five equal petals only. Work centre stitches in green. Finish as for daisy.

Pansy brooch

Using purple work flower as for daisy as far as ★.

Break off purple and join on black, then continue as for daisy. Use the length of black yarn to form the petals, but begin by pushing the gathered centre-front slightly off-centre. Now work five oversewing stitches for petals, spacing them as shown in illustration. For centre of flower, work a couple of yellow stitches, then two white stitches above these to form an inverted V-shape. Finish as for daisy.

Nasturtium brooch

Make flower as for daisy using orange throughout. Form five petals in same way as for pansy using orange yarn. Work short stitches at centre of flower using yellow. Make two leaves as for the brooch back and sew them to back of flower. Finish as for daisy.



Liquorice Sweets

You can use these eye-catching confections to create ear-rings, key-rings, necklaces and even a novel noughts and crosses game. For the best results, use colours of yarn to match the real sweets.

Measurements: All the sweets are a little larger than life size.

Materials: Key-ring fittings or split rings; ear-ring fittings; thin cardboard; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Pink or yellow roll

Using black cast on 5 sts. Work 4cm [1½in] in st-st. Break off black and join on yellow or pink. G-st 16cm [6¼in], then cast off. Starting at cast on edge, roll up the knitted strip tightly and sew cast off edge in place. Using matching yarn, sew back and forth through the rolled-up shape to secure.

Liquorice roll

Using black cast on 16 sts and st-st 9 rows. Cast off. Roll the piece up tightly across the width, from one set of row ends to the other. Sew row ends in place and sew through the rolled-up shape to secure. Sew through the roll from one end to the other, to flatten the ends.

Liquorice rock

Using white cast on 9 sts and st-st 18 rows. Break off white and join on black. St-st 15 rows, then cast off.

Make up as for pink or yellow roll. Sew through from one end to the other, to flatten the ends.

Sandwich or cube

These are composed of various coloured knitted squares, each square made as follows. Using colour required, cast on 10 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 12 rows. Cast off. Bring all the corners to the centre of the square and catch them together. Now oversew each set of open edges together, working from the centre towards each corner of the shape. This seamed side is the *wrong* side of the piece. Place one black square between two coloured or two white squares. To sew them together, use matching yarn and sew back and forth through all the squares near to the edges. Take care that these stitches do not show on the surface of the knitted pieces.

To make a cube, use three white and two black squares and sew them together as given above.

Key-rings and ear-rings

Sew the sweets to the appropriate fittings, using sweets of your choice and colour. See the illustration for ideas.

Necklace

Make several sweets of your choice [see necklace in illustration]. Use a length of yarn and sew through all the sweets leaving yarn ends protruding at each side. Now make two 30cm [12in] twisted cords, using four strands of yarn.

Sew the length of yarn at each side of the threaded sweets to the folded end of each cord. Knot other ends of the cords together so that the necklace is long enough to pass over the head.

Noughts and crosses game

Make five pink or yellow roll sweets for the 'noughts' and five sandwich sweets for the 'crosses'.

To make the board

You will need nine 4cm [1½in] squares of cardboard. Snip the sharp corners off each square.

To cover the cardboard pieces make four white and five black knitted squares as follows. For each square cast on 16 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 18 rows. Cast off.

Make up the square as given for each square in the sandwich sweet, but enclose a square of cardboard when bringing the four corners of the knitted square together. Arrange the finished squares as shown in the illustration. On the wrong side, oversew the adjacent knitted edges of the squares together to make up the finished board.





The Cosy Family

Egg cosies with a difference. Each character comes with a removeable knitted egg inside, designed to hold the cosy in perfect shape when not in use and to keep the children amused!

Measurement: 6cm [2½in] high, excluding the hats.

Materials: Stuffing; 3mm [No 11, USA 3] knitting needles.

Note: After making the basic cosy shape, push a hard-boiled egg inside, as this makes it easier to sew on the hats, etc.

Basic egg cosy

Begin at lower edge and using colour required for body, cast on 36 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 9 rows.

G-st 3 rows.

Break off body colour and join on fawn for head. Beginning with a K row, st-st 8 rows, marking centre of last row with a coloured thread.

★ Shape top

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts. B & T tightly ★★.

Face

Note: See Baby instructions for the baby's face.

Use black yarn for the eyes. Leave one clear knitted st to the *right* of the coloured thread. Work three horizontal oversewing stitches in the adjacent edge of the next knitted st. Repeat this to the left of the coloured thread.

Use black yarn to work a V-shape for mouth with lower point of the V three knitted rows above last row of body colour.

Now join row ends of the cosy and turn right side out.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at top of arm and using same colour as body cast on 10 sts loosely. St-st 3 rows. Break off yarn and join on fawn for hand. Continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts. B & T tightly. Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff arms. Sew open cast on edges to sides of body, leaving eight clear knitted sts between them at front.

Knitted egg

Begin at lower edge and using same colour as used for body cast on 13 sts.

1st row: P.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 26 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 21 rows.

Shape top

Next row: K2, (K2tog, K2) to end — 20 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to last st, K1 — 14 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts. B & T tightly.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff firmly. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Mum

Hat

Begin at lower edge and cast on 60 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Gather round first row of st-st above g-st. Pull up gathers to fit top of head. Fasten off.

Stuff top of hat and sew to head through the gathers. Add two flowers, made as for the buds on the Picture Frame [page 10].

Dad Cap

Begin at lower edge of cap and cast on 24 sts.

1st row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 36 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Now work as for basic egg cosy from ★ to ★★.

Note that P side of cap is *right* side. Oversew row ends together and turn right side out.

For cap peak use yarn to match cap and cast on 14 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts. Cast off.

Sew cast off edge of cap peak to lower edge of cap. Sew cap to head.

Girl and Boy

For girl, plait twelve strands of fawn yarn to make a 12cm [4¾in] length. Tie a strand of yarn round each end of plait to secure. Trim ends evenly. Sew centre of plait to top of head.

Cap [same for both]

Using yarn to match body cast on 36 sts. G-st 2 rows. Join on contrast colour. Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work in two-row stripes of contrast colour and body colour alternately. St-st 2 rows. Now work as for basic egg cosy from ★ to ★★. Join row ends and turn right side out. Sew to top of head. Add small pom-pom.

Baby

Use black yarn for the eyes and leave one clear knitted st on each side of the coloured thread. Work a V-shape in the next st for each eye. Sew a few loops of fawn yarn into centre top of head.

Soother

Cast on 12 sts and K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together. Make a short tightly twisted single cord and sew it through centre of the soother leaving a small loop for handle. Sew soother to baby's face as illustrated.

Handbag Accessories

Keep paper tissues tidy and secure right to the last one with a handy pocket-pack holder. A matching make-up bag and useful glasses case complete the set.

Measurements: Tissue pocket is 6 by 11cm [2½ by 4¼in]; glasses case is 6 by 16cm [2½ by 6¼in]; make-up bag is 11 by 8.5cm [4¼ by 3¼in].

Materials: Two snap fasteners; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Glasses case and make-up bag

Using desired colour cast on 18 sts for glasses case, or 30 sts for make-up bag.

G-st 4 rows.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st, but K the first and last st on every P row. Work until the knitted strip measures 31cm [12¼in] for glasses case, or 16cm [6¼in] for make-up bag, ending with a K row.

Work the flap

G-st 12 rows. Continue in g-st.

For glasses case, dec 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until 6 sts remain. For make-up bag dec 1 st at each end of next and every following row until 6 sts remain. Cast off.



To make up

With P side of st-st outside, fold up cast on edge so that it is level with first row of the g-st flap. Oversew row ends together at each side. Turn right side out.

Make largest flowers and leaves as given for bracelets [page 13].

Sew them to ends of flaps as illustrated. Sew on snap fasteners to secure flaps.

Tissue pocket

Using desired colour cast on 16 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Work until the knitted strip measures 22cm [8¾in], ending with a K row.

G-st 4 rows, then cast off.

Fold the strip in half with P side of st-st outside. Oversew row ends together at each side. Turn right side out. Add flowers and leaves to match the other items.

Tangerine and Lemon Sachets

Scent a drawer or wardrobe with these fragrant fruits.

Measurements: Tangerine is 6cm [2½in] in diameter; lemon is 9cm [3½in] in length.

Materials: See Scented sachet notes, page 2; stuffing; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Tangerine

Using orange, begin at base and cast on 9 sts loosely.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 36 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 15 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 18 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts. B & T tightly.

With P side of st-st outside, oversee row ends together but leave a bit of the seam open next to the cast on edge. Push in some stuffing, then the required scented filling material. Continue stuffing to make a rounded shape. Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Oversew remainder of seam.

Thread a length of orange yarn in a darning needle and knot the end. Take needle through gathered base to gathered top then back again. Pull tight to flatten the tangerine slightly, then fasten off. Using dark green, work a few stitches at gathered centre top of tangerine. Use white yarn to work a dot at centre of the green stitches.

Lemon

Using yellow, begin at lower end and cast on 8 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 24 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 32 sts. Continue in st-st and work 15 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 24 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts. B & T tightly, for top of lemon.

Sew up and fill as for tangerine then add dark green and white stitches at top end. Work a small dark green stitch at lower end.





Picture Frame

It's easy to turn a piece of cardboard into a pretty picture frame by simply adding a length of garter stitch and some knitted flowers. The picture is slotted into a knitted pocket sewn to the back of the frame.

Measurement: The finished frame measures 14.5cm [5½in] in diameter.

Rainbow Playballs and Balloon

These playballs come in two sizes, using the same pattern. The larger ball is knitted with two strands of yarn and the smaller ball in single yarn. Many variations can be made in different coloured stripes. The balloon is based on the same pattern as the large ball.

Measurements: Large ball measures 38cm [15in] in circumference, small ball is 29cm [11½in] in circumference.

Materials: Stuffing; 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Large ball

Note: Use 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles and double yarn. Follow the knitting instructions given below and cast on using red. Work in two-row stripes of red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple. Repeat the sequence of stripes to the end of the knitting instructions.

★ Cast on 14 sts loosely.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 28 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 42 sts. Continue in st-st, beginning with a P row and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 56 sts. ★★.

St-st 27 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 42 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 28 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts. B & T loosely.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff firmly, pushing in stuffing through both ends. Pull up the lengths of yarn leaving a finger-sized hole, then fasten off. Gather round cast on sts and pull up, leaving a hole in same way. Fasten off.

Materials: Cardboard; stuffing; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

The frame

First cut out a 14cm [5½in] diameter circle of cardboard, then cut an 8cm [3in] diameter circle out of the centre.

Using the colour required, cast on 16 sts and work in g-st for 34cm [13½in]. Cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Place the piece around the cardboard frame and oversew row ends together enclosing the cardboard frame as you go. This is easiest to do if you work on the outer edge of the cardboard frame.

Now ease the oversewn seam towards the back of the frame where it will not be seen.

To decorate the frame, make a flower of your choice and leaves in same way as given for the flower brooches [page 6]. Sew them to frame to conceal the oversewn cast on, cast off edges seam.

Flower buds

If desired add a few buds. Using yarn to match the flower, cast on 8 sts and K 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts.

B & T tightly and oversew row ends together.

The picture pocket

Using yarn to match the frame, begin at lower edge and cast on 24 sts. Work in g-st for 6cm [2¼in]. Place the pocket at back of frame with lower corners just within outer edge of frame. Sew side and lower edges to the knitted frame.

Now cut a 9cm [3½in] square of cardboard and round off the sharp corners. Slip this inside the knitted pocket. Slot the picture in position between the square of cardboard and the frame.

Sew a length of yarn to top corners of pocket for hanging up the picture.

End pieces [make two]

Using 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles and a single strand of yarn [any colour] cast on 24 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together. Sew the end pieces to the ball to cover the holes.

Small ball

Use a single strand of yarn throughout and work as for large ball on 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles. Work and sew on the end pieces in same way as for large ball.

Balloon

Use 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles and double yarn.

Using red, work as for large playball from ★ to ★★. Continue in st-st. Work 7 rows red, 2 green, 2 yellow, 4 blue, 2 yellow, 2 green and 8 red. Continue in red.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 42 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 28 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts. St-st 5 rows. B & T tightly.

Join row ends. Turn right side out and stuff firmly through cast on edge. Gather this edge and make and sew on one end piece in same way as given for playball. Add a double twisted cord to top to hang up the balloon.

Basket

Use double yellow yarn and 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles for the basket pieces. For base cast on 8 sts and g-st 12 rows. Cast off. For side piece cast on 32 sts and g-st 9 rows. Cast off. Oversew row ends together. Oversew cast on edge of this piece to edges of base. Make four 8cm [3in] double twisted red cords with knots at both ends of each one. Sew the knot at one

end of each cord to each top corner of basket. At position of the first dec row near the lower edge of balloon, mark four points with pins, spacing them out equally. Push other knotted ends of cords into balloon between the knitted sts at the marked points, then sew through knitted sts to secure.

Finger puppet

Use single yarn and 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles. Begin at lower edge and using body colour cast on 14 sts. G-st 2 rows. Beginning with a K row, st-st 10 rows. Break off yarn and join on pink for head.

St-st 6 rows. Break off pink and join on black for hair. St-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff head. Gather round first row of pink on head, pull up tightly and knot ends of yarn. Sew yarn ends into head. Work two short black vertical stitches for eyes, starting and fastening off at top of head. Work two black stitches to form a V-shape for mouth. For scarf, cast on 30 sts, then cast off. Place round neck and catch in place where ends of scarf cross over.





Fragrant Finery

These miniature knitteds are sweetly scented sachets. A twisted cord hanging loop may be added to the back of each sachet if desired.

Measurements: Lengths are as follows — pantaloons 9cm [3½in]; trousers 10cm [4in]; sweater 7cm [2½in]; handbag 5cm [2in].

Materials: See Scented sachet notes, page 2; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Pantaloons [make two pieces alike]

Begin at lower edge of one leg and using white cast on 30 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts. Break off white and join on red. Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Shape leg

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. Now beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows, marking each end of 11th row with a coloured thread.

★ St-st 10 more rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 16 sts. Work 3 rows in K1, P1 rib. Cast off in rib ★★.

Using white yarn, work small running stitches across the leg at position of the first leg shaping row.

To make up

Oversew the row ends of the two pieces together from cast off edges as far as the coloured threads. Now oversew the row ends of each leg together below the coloured threads to the cast on edges. Turn right side out. Insert filling. Oversew across cast on and cast off edges to close. Make an 18cm [7in] single twisted white cord, tie in a bow and sew to waist edge of pantaloons.

Trousers [make two pieces alike]

Begin at lower edge of one leg and using blue tweedy yarn cast on 20 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 18 rows, marking each end of 18th row with a coloured thread. Now work as given for Pantaloons from ★ to ★★.

To make up

Sew up etc as for Pantaloons. For each knee patch use red yarn and cast on 5 sts. St-st 5 rows then cast off. Sew in place. For braces [make two pieces] cast on 30 sts, g-st 2 rows then cast off. Sew ends of braces to trousers, using green yarn to work dots for buttons as illustrated.

Sweater

Body and sleeves [make two of each]

Begin at lower edge and using green cast on 18 sts for body [14 sts for sleeve].

Work 4 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Now st-st 10 rows for body [8 rows for sleeve].

Shape raglan armholes

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until 6 sts remain [2 sts remain for sleeve]. Cast off.

To make up

Oversew shaped armhole edges of sleeves to armhole edges of body pieces. Oversew row ends of body pieces together, then row ends of sleeves. Turn right side out. Embroider flowers on one body piece as illustrated, using yellow yarn. Insert filling. Oversew across all cast on and cast off edges to close. For scarf use yellow and cast on 4 sts. G-st until work measures 16cm [6¼in]. Sew the scarf round neck of sweater as illustrated.

Handbag

Using blue cast on 16 sts. Work in st-st until strip measures 12cm [4¾in], ending with a K row.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Turn up 4.5cm [1¾in] at cast on edge and oversew row ends together at each side. Turn right side out. Use orange yarn to work running stitches above the g-st edge. Insert filling then sew cast on edge in place. Make an 18cm [7in] double twisted orange cord. Join ends. Place cord under handbag flap. Fold down flap and sew sides in place.

Flower Bracelets

Transform a throw-away plastic lemonade bottle into a collection of pretty bracelets — simple to make and fun to wear.

Measurements: Average size diameter bracelet for an adult hand is about 7cm [2¾in]. If making the bracelets for fund-raising, vary the sizes.

Materials: A flexible plastic bottle in any size, so long as circumference is large enough to make a bracelet; sticky tape; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

To make basic shape

Rinse out the bottle and remove paper label. Use scissors to cut away the upper and lower shaped portions of bottle, leaving the straight tube-shaped centre portion. Cut along the tube from top to bottom. Lay this piece flat on a table, with the outside surface of bottle uppermost.

Now use the point of an ordinary needle and a ruler to draw a 2.5cm [1in] wide strip across full width of the plastic, with the length of the bracelet strip following curve of the bottle. For a child's bracelet make the plastic strip

narrower. Cut out the strip and form into bracelet of required size, overlapping ends of strip as necessary. Secure ends with bits of sticky tape.

Flower bracelets

Cut two 6m [6½yd] lengths of yarn, one dark and one light shade.

You will only need half this length for a child-sized bracelet. Wind yarns together into a small ball for easy handling. Knot the ends of yarn round bracelet. Slide knot to inside of bracelet. Now wind the yarn tightly round and round the plastic strip to cover the bracelet completely. When finished, sew the yarn ends into the wound strands on inside of bracelet.

For flowers, use the darker shade of yarn, or colour of your choice and cast on 20 sts [18 sts for small flower].

G-st 2 rows [1 row for small flower].

Break off yarn and join on green.

Next row: (K2tog) to end. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together.

For leaves, use green and cast on 6 sts [4 sts for small leaf].

1st row: K to last 2 sts, turn.

2nd row: P to end.

3rd row: K to end. Cast off.

Make as many flowers and leaves as desired. Sew them to the yarn strands on bracelet as shown in the illustration.



Little Bugs

These cute creepy-crawlies can be made as bookmarks, pencil toppers or small toys.

Measurement: The bug is 7cm [2¾in] in length, after sewing up and stuffing.

Materials: Stuffing; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

The bug on a leaf

Using colour required, begin at tail-end and cast on 5 sts. St-st 8 rows.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 10 sts.

Continue in st-st and work 11 rows.

Shape head

Next row: K3, inc in next 4 sts, K3 — 14 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts. B & T loosely. Oversew row ends together and across cast on sts. Turn right side out. Stuff, then pull up length of yarn tightly and fasten off. With the oversewn seam at back, bend tail-end up to form a right angle to body. Sew, to hold in place. Tie a length of matching yarn tightly around just below the head shaping row. Knot ends securely and sew into body.

Work eyes and mouth in black yarn, two small vertical stitches for eyes and a V-shape for mouth.

Hat

For brim cast on 20 sts and g-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together.

For hat top cast on 14 sts.

1st row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together then sew centrally on hat brim. Work a few stitches for flowers and leaves. Sew hat to top of head.

Leaf

Begin at pointed end and using green or tan cast on 2 sts. Work in g-st and inc 1 st at beginning of every row until there are 14 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next 2 rows — 16 sts.

G-st 10 rows.

Now continue in g-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows — 4 sts. B & T tightly. Add a short single twisted cord to this end for the stalk.

Sew bug to the leaf.

Bookworm bookmark

Make a bug first. For the marker strip, use the colour of your choice and cast on 6 sts. Work in g-st until the strip measures 25cm [10in] when fully stretched. B & T tightly. Stretch the strip on an ironing board, pinning the ends in place. Press with a warm iron over a damp cloth to flatten the knitted sts. Sew gathered end of the strip to underside of the bug.

Pencil topper

For the tube which fits onto the pencil end, use colour of your choice and cast on 14 sts. G-st 15 rows, then cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Fold down one set of row ends to meet the other, forming a double thickness tube. Oversew row ends together. Push tube onto end of a pencil. Make a bug and sew it to top end of the knitted tube.





Aeroplane Toy and Mobile

Knit this irresistible aeroplane as a soft toy, or you can add a sun and cloud to make a decorative mobile.

Measurements: The body of the aeroplane measures 13cm [5in] in length and 22cm [8¾in] around at centre of length.

Materials: Stuffing; three 5mm [¼in] diameter plastic drinking straws for mobile; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Aeroplane toy

Body

Begin at tail-end and using main colour cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 30 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 40 sts. St-st 39 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts. B & T tightly.

Gather up cast on sts tightly and fasten off. Join row ends leaving a gap in seam for turning and stuffing. Turn right side out and stuff. Close gap in seam. This seam will run underneath the body.

Tail

Using main colour cast on 20 sts. Work in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of first and every following 4th row until 12 sts remain. St-st 4 more rows then cast off. Join row ends, then oversew across cast off edge. Turn right side out and stuff. Sew open cast on edge of tail to top of body at back, with tail seam at end of body.

Nose

Using black cast on 16 sts loosely.

1st row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together. With P side as right side, sew cast on edge to gathered end of body at centre front, pushing in a little stuffing before completing sewing.

Eye piece

Using contrast colour cast on 13 sts. Break off yarn and join on white. St-st 4 rows. Break off white and join on contrast. K the next row and dec 1 st at each end — 11 sts. Cast off.

Use black yarn for the eyes. Work the eyes just above cast on edge of eye piece, leaving three clear knitted sts between them. Work a chain stitch for each eye. Work another chain stitch over the previous stitch to make each eye larger.

Using contrast yarn, work a vertical line of back-stitches midway between the eyes. Lay eye piece aside for now.

Body trimming

Using contrast colour as used on eye piece, cast on 6 sts. Work in g-st for 19cm [7½in]. Cast off. Sew the cast on edge of the strip just over one set of row ends on the right side of the eye

piece. Repeat with cast off edge at other set of row ends on the eye piece. Place this complete piece on the body, with eyes above nose and the g-st strip passing under tail at back. Sew long edges to body.

For each window [make six], use white and cast on 10 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew cast on row ends together to form a circle. Sew three to g-st strip at each side of body.

Wings [make two alike]

Using main colour cast on 28 sts. St-st 2 rows. Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until 11 sts remain. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together, then oversew across cast off edge. Turn right side out and stuff. Sew open cast on edges to sides of body below the g-st band, with oversewn seams facing towards front of body.

Tail motifs [make two]

Use contrast colour and work as for nose. Sew one to each side of tail with K side as right side.

Aeroplane mobile

Hanging rod

★ Cut two of the drinking straws open along

the length. You will now be able to push one of these straws inside the whole straw by overlapping the cut edges slightly. If the straws have a 'bendy' section, make sure that this comes at opposite end for second straw. Now push the remaining cut straw inside the other two ★★.

To cover the hanging rod, use light blue yarn and cast on 6 sts. Work in g-st until strip is same length as the rod when slightly stretched. B & T tightly. Gather up cast on sts tightly. Starting at this end, oversew row ends together enclosing the rod as you go.

Make aeroplane as for the toy and suspend it with a 12cm [4¾in] length of yarn at centre of rod.

Sun

Using yellow throughout, work as given for Watch [page 6] from ★ to ★★.

Use black yarn for eyes and mouth, starting and fastening off in the stuffing. Work a chain stitch for each eye, placing them about 1cm [¾in] above gathered centre and the same distance apart.

Work a U-shape for mouth in back-stitches. Work a few stitches in orange at centre for nose. Gather round cast on edge, pull up tightly and fasten off.

For the edging round the sun, use orange and cast on 41 sts. St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K1, (pass yarn under and over tip of right hand needle to make a st, K2tog) to end. Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together with right side of st-st outside. Sew this edge around outer edge of the sun as illustrated. Suspend the sun with a 6cm [2½in] length of yarn from one end of rod.

Cloud

Using white cast on 24 sts and work in st-st for 12cm [4¾in]. Cast off. Bring cast on and cast off edges together, with K side of st-st outside. Work a line of back-stitches round all edges, rounding off the corners, working in wavy lines at outer edges and leaving a gap for turning. Turn right side out and stuff. Close gap. Use a length of white yarn to sew back and forth through the cloud, pulling tight to make depressions here and there as shown in cloud illustrated. Suspend the cloud from other end of rod as for sun.

Attach ends of a 46cm [18in] single twisted cord to ends of rod. Loop another cord of the required length under this cord and use this to suspend the mobile so that it can move freely.

Pincushion Cakes

Tempting cakes — without the calories! These fancy pincushions are sure to make sewing fun.

Measurements: Battenburg cake is 8cm [3in] square, doughnut and iced bun are both 8cm [3in] in diameter.

Materials: Stuffing; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Battenburg cake

Using light yellow cast on 20 sts. St-st 14 rows. Break off light yellow and join on pink. St-st 14 rows. Cast off. Make another piece in same way, but begin with pink, then change to yellow. Join the pieces to each other at both sets of row ends. Turn right side out. Bring the row-end seams together, so that you now have alternate pink and yellow squares on each side of the cake. Oversew across cast on edge. Stuff firmly, then oversew across cast off edge.

For the almond paste edging, use a brighter shade of yellow and cast on 6 sts. Work in g-st until the strip is long enough to go all round edges of cake, when slightly stretched. Cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Place on cake and slip stitch row ends in place.

Doughnut

Using tan cast on 26 sts.

1st row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 39 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 52 sts. St-st 13 rows.

★ **Next row:** (K2, K2tog) to end — 39 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 26 sts ★★. Cast off.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together, stuffing the doughnut firmly as you go. For the icing, use white and cast on 8 sts. Work in st-st, but slip the first st on every K row. Continue until strip measures 18cm [7in]. Cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Sew to top of doughnut with the slip-st row ends nearest to centre hole.

Iced bun

Using tan, work as given for doughnut as far as ★★. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 13 sts.

B & T tightly. This is the base of bun.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff firmly. Use a length of tan yarn to sew through centre of stuffing at open top of bun to base, then back again. Pull tight to flatten base, then fasten off in the stuffing. Add a little more stuffing to round off the top before sewing on the icing.

For the icing use pink and cast on 52 sts.

St-st 6 rows.

Now work as for doughnut from ★ to ★★.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 13 sts.

B & T tightly.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Place icing on open top of the bun. Turn under the cast on edge and slip stitch it in place.



Desk Tidy and Spooky Bank

Keep your desk tidy with this ancient tower pen and pencil holder and use the same basic idea for the haunted castle savings bank — complete with resident ghosts!

Measurements: Pen and pencil holder is 10cm [4in] high; spooky bank is 11cm [4½in] high.

Notes: When making up the tower and the mound pieces, the P side of st-st is right side. After marking the knitted sts with pens, blot with a paper tissue, pressing the colour into sts. Leave until dry.

Desk tidy

Materials: Cardboard; black and brown non-toxic felt-tipped marker pens; sticky tape; glue; stuffing; 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

The tower

Make the cardboard tube-shape first. Cut a 9 by 23cm [3½ by 9in] strip of cardboard. Overlap the short ends 1cm [¾in] and glue,

making sure any printing on the cardboard is on *inside* of the tube. Secure overlapped end on outside of tube with sticky tape to hold while glue dries.

Cut another strip in same way and form into a tube to fit inside first tube but with any printing on the *outside* this time.

Place inside first tube allowing ends to overlap as necessary. Mark where end overlaps, remove tube and glue the overlap. Dab a little glue here and there on outside of tube and push it inside first tube. This completes the tower shape.

To knit the tower

Using black yarn begin at top edge and cast on 40 sts: G-st 2 rows. Break off black and join on beige. Beginning with a K row, st-st 25 rows. Break off beige and join on brown, then g-st 2 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Pull the knitted tube onto the tower, but leave the g-st rows at cast on edge turned in over the top of the cardboard tower. The cast off edge of the knitted tube will now be about 3cm [1¼in] above the lower edge of cardboard tower.

Tower details

Mark on the door with black pen starting level with lower g-st rows, making it 3 sts wide by 9 rows deep. Mark on a window to one side of door and above it, 2 sts wide by 6 rows deep.

Use black pen to mark outlines of stones here and there on the tower as shown in illustration. Colour the stones lightly with brown pen.

For the door frame use beige yarn, cast on 20 sts, then cast off. Colour to match the stones on tower then sew strip to sides and top of door. Make window frame in same way, but oversew row ends together before sewing in place.

Glue the g-st portion at top of tower to inside of the tube.

The mound

Make the cardboard base first. Cut an 11cm [4½in] diameter circle of cardboard. Cut the edge in a slightly wavy line. Glue to another piece of cardboard and cut out level with first piece. Now glue lower end of the cardboard tower centrally onto the base. Use plenty of glue and leave until completely dry.

To knit the mound

Use dark green yarn, begin at lower edge and cast on 48 sts.

1st row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 72 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 17 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 48 sts. Cast off loosely.

Beginning at cast on edge and with P side of knitting outside, oversew row ends together for 2.5cm [1in]. Insert the cardboard base, then continue oversewing row ends together to complete the seam. Pull cast off edge of knitted mound away from the tower and stuff mound lightly all round the tower.

Now sew cast off edge of mound to the brown g-st rows at lower edge of tower. Note that cast on edge of mound piece will only turn about 1cm [¾in] underneath the base, leaving most of the cardboard base exposed.



Mound details

Use dark green yarn to sew back and forth at random through the mound, pulling and fastening off from time to time to make small depressions. To make the pathway up to the door, pinch a bit of the knitted fabric and sew through to make a tuck from the door frame to lower edge of the mound.

For the steps leading up to the door, use beige and cast on 3 sts. G-st for 5cm [2in] then cast off. Use pens to mark between the g-st ridges. Sew the steps to the pathway.

For the bushes, use light green and sew-in loops of yarn here and there as shown in the illustration.

Spooky bank

Materials: As given for Pen and Pencil Holder plus — a 10cm [4in] length of black cord elastic; a green non-toxic marker pen instead of the brown pen.

Make as for Pen and Pencil Holder, using light grey for the tower with black for edgings, dark grey for the mound and light grey for the steps. Use black pen to mark stones on tower and shade tower here and there with green pen. Omit the bushes on mound and colour the depressions with black pen.

The lid

Cut a 7cm [2¾in] diameter circle of cardboard. Mark a narrow rectangular slit across the centre to suit the largest size coin.

Cut out the slit a bit larger than marked. Make another cardboard circle in same way and glue to first circle.

To cover the lid

Using dark grey yarn cast on 30 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Shape the piece

1st row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 25 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

5th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 15 sts.

7th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

9th row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together noting that P side is *right* side. Turn right side out. This piece will only cover *half* of the cardboard lid. Push the cardboard lid inside the piece, so that the cast on edge of the knitted piece is lying across the coin slit on both sides of the cardboard.

Make another knitted piece in same way and push in the other half of the lid. Now oversew the cast on edges of the pieces together except at position of the slit. Sew back and forth through the slit, catching the cast off edges together all round the slit.

Place lid on top of the tower. Oversew a 2cm [¾in] section of outer edge of lid to the top of tower above the door. This forms the 'hinge'. For the lid fastening, knot ends of the elastic together. Push the knot between knitted sts on underside of lid, directly opposite to the hinge. Sew elastic to the knitted sts to hold in place.



For the knob, use light grey and cast on 10 sts. K 1 row, then cast off. Roll up strip tightly and sew back and forth through the knob to make it firm. Sew knob to the knitted sts at back of tower, so that elastic can be looped around it.

Battlements

Using light grey cast on 49 sts and st-st 3 rows.

Next row: K1, (pass yarn under and over tip of right hand needle to make a st, K2tog) to end. Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows. Cast off. Oversew row ends together. With K side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Place the piece around edge of lid with cast on edge outermost and battlement points rising just above the lid. Catch battlements to lid where they touch, working round the uppermost surface of the lid.

Ghosts [make two]

Begin at lower end of body and using white cast on 2 sts. Work in st-st and inc 1 st at each

end of 3rd and then the following 4th row — 6 sts.

P 1 row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row — 8 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts. B & T tightly. With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together enclosing a little stuffing as you go. This seam will be at centre back of the ghost.

For the arms, use white and cast on 10 sts. Cast off. Make an opening through body a bit less than half way down, by pushing through your knitting needle. Thread one tail-end of yarn on the arms into a blunt-ended sewing needle.

Pass it through the hole and pull end of yarn to draw arms piece half way through the body.

Sew in tail-ends of yarn, using these to catch arms to body. For face, work tiny vertical black stitches for eyes and mouth. Sew ghosts in place as illustrated.



Pedlar Doll

During the late 18th and early 19th centuries, pedlars travelled from village to village selling their wares. In those days it was a popular pastime to make pedlar dolls in imitation of the real thing. The dolls themselves could be made from wood, porcelain, papier mâché and there were even dolls with dried apple heads! These old dolls are now much sought-after collector's items and some can be seen in museums.

This charming version of a pedlar doll is completely knitted and perhaps *your* creation may prove to be a collector's item of the future.

Measurement: Doll is 29cm [11½in] in height to top of bonnet.

Materials: Cardboard; glue; a red pencil; 140g [5oz] of stuffing; a pair of 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles, as well as 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Note: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles are used for *all* the pieces in this design, except for the knitted hair piece and the shawl.

Skirt

You will need 28g [1oz] of yarn in the main colour [green, in the doll illustrated].

Begin at lower edge and using green cast on 60 sts.

1st row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 90 sts.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st throughout and work 9 rows.

Work stripes

Breaking and joining on colours as necessary, work 2 rows yellow, 1 red, 4 blue, 1 red, 2 yellow.

Now work 32 rows in green.

Shape waist

Next row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 75 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 60 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 45 sts. Cast off.

Join row ends and turn right side out. For the base, cut two 15cm [6in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Push the

base inside lower edge of the knitted skirt. Ease the cast on edge of skirt into position round edge of base, so that about four knitted rows of the skirt are turned over onto the underside of base. The remainder of the cardboard base will remain exposed.

Now stuff the skirt, taking care not to overstretch the knitted sts as you do this. The stuffed skirt should be the same circumference as the cardboard base and just firm enough to hold its' shape.

Bodice and head

Begin at lower edge and using blue cast on 40 sts. St-st 9 rows.

Next row: K, to mark the waistline. Beginning with a K row, st-st 12 rows.

Next row: K9, (K2tog) twice, K14, (K2tog) twice, K9 — 36 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Break off blue and join on light pink for head. St-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 36 sts. St-st 23 rows.

Shape top of head

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

B & T tightly.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff firmly. Head should measure 19cm [7½in] in circumference. Gather round the cast on edge and pull up, leaving a finger-sized hole. Fasten off. Continue stuffing through the hole to fill the body.

To shape the neck, use a length of light pink yarn to gather round first knitted row of light pink on the head. Pull up very tightly and knot ends of yarn. Sew ends into neck. Repeat this, using blue yarn, two knitted rows below first position.

Face

Mark positions of eyes, twelve knitted rows above head inc row and four knitted sts apart. Using black yarn, work a vertical chain stitch for each eye at marked position. Use black yarn to work a short horizontal stitch above each eye for eyelid and another above this for eyebrow. Use double pink yarn to work a vertical stitch between eyes for the nose. Use red yarn for mouth and work a horizontal stitch, two sts wide and six sts above head inc row. Work two smaller stitches below the first stitch. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

Hair

Using black and 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles cast on 24 sts. G-st 4 rows, then cast off. Sew centre of strip to doll's head in front of gathered top of head. Sew row ends to each side of head. Catch cast on and cast off edges of the strip to doll's head.

To assemble doll

Make a small hollow at centre of the skirt stuffing. Place lower end of bodice inside skirt, matching seams of both pieces. Sew cast off edge of skirt to bodice, just above the waistline row on the bodice.

Sleeves and hands

Make two sleeves alike.

Begin at wrist edge and using blue cast on 11 sts loosely. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 22 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 31 rows.

Shape armhole

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until 12 sts remain.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts. Cast off.

Join row ends as far as armhole shaping. Turn right side out.

Make two hands alike.

Begin at wrist edge and using light pink cast on 12 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 10 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T tightly. Join row ends and turn right side out.

Stuff hands. Oversew cast on edges to close, with seams at centre. Push the g-st rows on hands inside cast on edges of sleeves matching the seams on both. Sew cast on edges of sleeves to hands.

Stuff sleeves lightly.

For the wrist trimming [make two alike], use white and cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Oversew row ends together, then sew cast off edges round wrists.

Sew the open armhole edges of sleeves to sides of doll, with cast off edges just below neck.

Bonnet

Using double light yellow yarn cast on 54 sts for brim. Break off one strand of yarn and continue in single yarn. When working next row, treat the two strands of yarn on each st as one st. G-st 6 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 36 sts. Cast off loosely.

Using light yellow, pick up and K the 36 cast off sts on the brim. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 48 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 13 rows.

Shape back

Next row: K8, (K2tog) to last 8 sts, K8 — 32 sts. G-st 3 rows.

Next row: K8, (K2 tog) to last 8 sts, K8 — 24 sts. Cast off.

Fold cast off edge in half and oversew, for centre back seam of bonnet. Turn right side out.

Bonnet frill

Using white cast on 72 sts and g-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

Cast off.

Oversew cast off edge of frill to cast off edge of the brim. Make two 14cm [5½in] light yellow single twisted cords. Sew to bonnet brim at

ends of cast off edge. Place bonnet on doll's head and tie the cords in a bow under chin. Sew bow to neck.

Shawl

Using red and 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles cast on 2 sts. Work in g-st and inc 1 st at beginning of every row until there are 66 sts. Cast off.

Place shawl around doll, crossing over the pointed ends at front. Catch these ends to skirt to hold shawl in place.

Basket and contents

Basket

Base

Cut two 4.5 by 9.5cm [1¾ by 3¾in] pieces of cardboard and glue them together.

To cover the base use brown, cast on 10 sts and work in g-st for 15cm [6in]. Cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Place the cardboard base inside the knitted piece. Oversew row ends together at one long edge of the cardboard. Stretch the knitted piece across the width of the cardboard and oversew the other set of row ends together. The knitted piece should fit the cardboard base very tightly.

Side piece

Using brown cast on 64 sts and st-st 7 rows.

Next row: K. **Next row:** P.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 6 rows. Cast off. Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Oversew cast on edge to cast off edge. Oversew this edge round the edges of the base.

For the neck strap make a 30cm [12in] double twisted grey cord. Sew the ends to centre of short sides of the basket. Do not place basket on doll until you have sewn in the contents.

Socks [make two alike]

Using grey begin at sole and cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: K6, (K2tog) 4 times, K6 — 16 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K6, (K2tog) twice, K6 — 14 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K5, (K2tog) twice, K5 — 12 sts. St-st 7 rows. Work 3 rows in K1, P1 rib. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together and across cast on sts. Turn right side out. Attach socks to side of the basket with a short length of yarn as illustrated.

Mittens [make two alike]

Using yellow, knit in same way as for the doll's hands. Oversew row ends together leaving a gap at centre of seam for inserting the thumb. Turn right side out.

For the thumb use yellow and cast on 5 sts.

St-st 4 rows. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together with right side of st-st outside. Push cast on edge of thumb inside gap in mitten

seam, so that thumb sticks out at correct angle. Sew thumb in place.

Using red yarn work running stitches in and out of the g-st loops on mittens to decorate. Attach mittens to basket as for socks.

Scarf

Using lilac cast on 6 sts and work in g-st for 18cm [7in]. Cast off. Attach fringe of yarn to each end. Sew scarf to basket.

Doll [make two]

Begin at lower edge and using colour required for body cast on 12 sts.

St-st 8 rows. Break off yarn and join on cream for head.

Next row: K4, (K2tog) twice, K4 — 10 sts. Continue in st-st and work 3 rows. Break off cream and join on brown for hair. K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 5 sts. B & T tightly.

Join row ends for centre back seam, then turn right side out. Stuff lightly. Tie a strand of matching yarn tightly around last row of body colour. Oversew cast on edge to close. Using black yarn, work two small stitches for eyes as illustrated.

Make arms as for the mitten thumbs. Sew to sides of body. Sew dolls in basket.

Ball

Using red cast on 6 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts. Beginning with a P row continue in st-st and work 3 rows. Join on yellow and work 2 rows. Break off yellow and continue in red and work 4 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts. B & T loosely. Oversew row ends together. Gather up cast on sts tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff to ball shape. Pull up length of yarn tightly and fasten off. Sew ball in basket.

Handbag

Using pink cast on 10 sts and st-st 21 rows. G-st 10 rows. Cast off.

Fold up cast on edge to meet first row of g-st.

Oversew row ends together at each side. Turn right side out. Make a 14cm [5½in] single twisted pink cord for handle and knot ends together. Place across bag, then fold down g-st flap and catch it in place. Work a small blue dot at centre of flap for the fastening. Attach handle to basket as for socks.

Hanks of yarn

Using colours of your choice, wind yarn five times around a 14cm [5½in] piece of cardboard. Knot ends of yarn together, then slip the hank off the cardboard. Holding the ends taut, twist one end round and round as when making a twisted cord. Fold hank in half and tuck one set of loops inside the other. Sew hanks in the basket.

To place basket on the doll

Place the neck strap over doll's head. Bend doll's arms at the elbows and sew hands to short sides of basket.



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