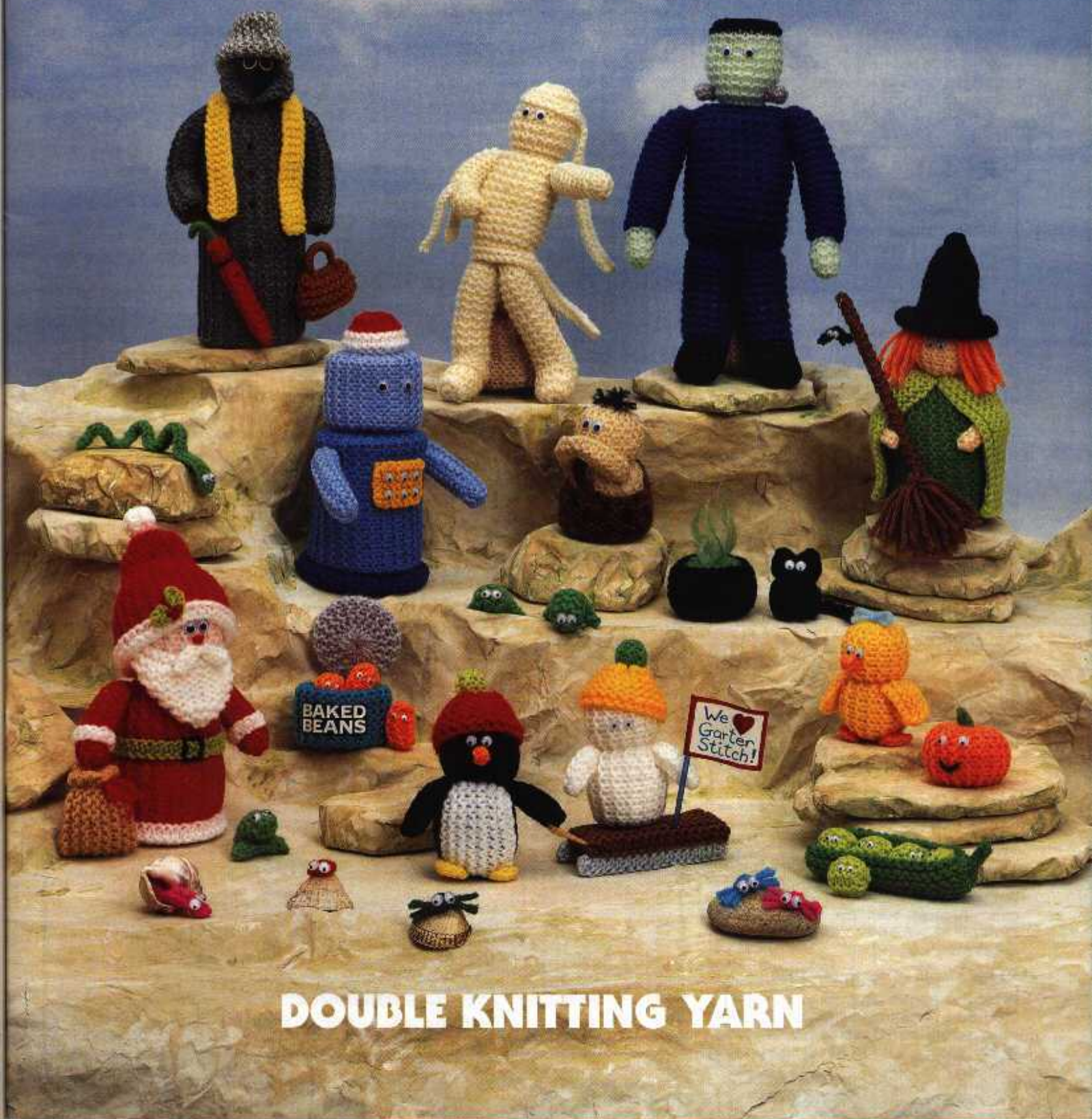


Jean Greenhowe's Jiffyknits

The Exciting New Craft
For Garter Stitch Strips



DOUBLE KNITTING YARN

Notes

In *JIFFYKNITS* I have produced a unique and fascinating new craft which transforms garter stitch strips into exciting creations.

Everybody learns to knit by working unshaped bits of garter stitch. Yet these pieces are invariably made into rather uninteresting items such as blanket squares, teddy scarves and purses, because no-one has managed to come up with any bright ideas for using these small knitted pieces – until now!

I guarantee you will be spoilt for choice with the inspirational makes packed into these pages. From yarn oddments you can serve up a feast of *PLAYFOOD*, create seasonal knits for *EASTER* and *CHRISTMAS*, have *FUN IN THE JUNGLE* and rustle up many more entertaining novelties, in next-to-no time. All the designs are worked on 4mm [No 8, USA 5] needles and even the largest item takes less than 25g [1oz] of yarn.

And for *HALLOWEEN* there is a fantastic cast of spooky monsters and ghosties. These characters caused much hilarity, especially *THE INVISIBLE MAN*. "You can't do it" they said, but here he is – or isn't? And as for *THE MUMMY'S MUMMY*, there's a giggle in every stitch!

ANYONE CAN JOIN IN MAKING *JIFFYKNITS*, so why not share the fun and enjoyment by teaching someone to knit. Whether it be child or adult you will now be able to offer an amazing array of goodies instead of blanket squares and teddy scarves.

Happy *JIFFYKNITTING*!

Jean

TOY SAFETY

The items in this booklet are not suitable as playthings for babies and very young children. It should also be noted that the packaging on glue-on plastic wiggle eyes is labelled 'WARNING, NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS.'

Abbreviations

cm = centimetre[s]; g-st = garter stitch [every row K]; in = inch[es]; K = knit; mm = millimetres; st[s] = stitch[es].

Special abbreviations

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

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

USA glossary

Cast off — bind off

Tension — gauge

Tension

The tension for garter stitch on 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles is, 22 sts = 10cm [4in] in width, before stuffing. If you tend to knit loosely, use a smaller size knitting needles.

Yarn required

Small oddments of double knitting yarn [USA, knitting worsted weight: **Australia** 8 ply] in colours stated in the instructions, or colours of your choice. The quantities of yarn are not given, because even the largest individual items can be made from less than 25g [1oz] of any single colour.

Notes about yarns in the USA

Knitting worsted weight yarns can vary in thickness. The thinner types are about the same weight as UK double knitting. Sport weight yarn is slightly thinner than double

knitting, but can also be used as a substitute for double knitting. However, since all the items in this booklet are small, any slight variations in size due to thicker or thinner yarns will make little difference to the finished designs.

Knitting needles required

You will need a pair of 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.

Stuffing

For best results, use good quality polyester stuffing. Only small amounts are required for the individual items. If a cardboard circle or circles are inserted inside a stuffed shape, stuff the piece to the same size as the circles, unless otherwise stated. Where necessary the 'around' measurements for stuffing the pieces are given at the beginning of each set of instructions.

Occasionally, cotton wool is used for stuffing some pieces, to give a deliberately 'lumpy' appearance.

Eyes

Glue-on plastic wiggle eyes, also called joggle eyes are required in the following sizes: 3mm, 5mm, 7mm and 10mm diameter. See page 3 'Making instant faces'.

Glue

An all-purpose quick drying clear adhesive such as UHU, gives instant results. However, slower drying adhesives can be used. There are many such adhesives available which are solvent free and therefore safe for children to use. For best results, follow the instructions on the label, or packaging.

Other equipment

Compasses are required for drawing circles.

Large glass-headed or plastic-headed pins. These should be used at all stages of construction. Ordinary pins should not be used as they can pass into the stuffing between the knitted stitches.

A ruler and tape measure marked in metric and/or imperial.

A darning needle for gathering and a sewing needle with a rounded point [such as a tapestry needle], for oversewing.

Tweezers are useful for turning small knitted pieces right side out and inserting small amounts of stuffing.

Cardboard

Cardboard is used to give shape to the knitted pieces. Use cuttings off washing powder packets, breakfast cereal packets or the stiffened backs of note pads. The *plain* side of the packaging should always be placed against the knitted stitches. If the knitted piece is light in colour, glue a piece of white paper to one side of the cardboard, or both sides if necessary.

Collecting useful materials

Pebbles, sea shells, bits of driftwood or twigs from the garden can be used to display some of the items.

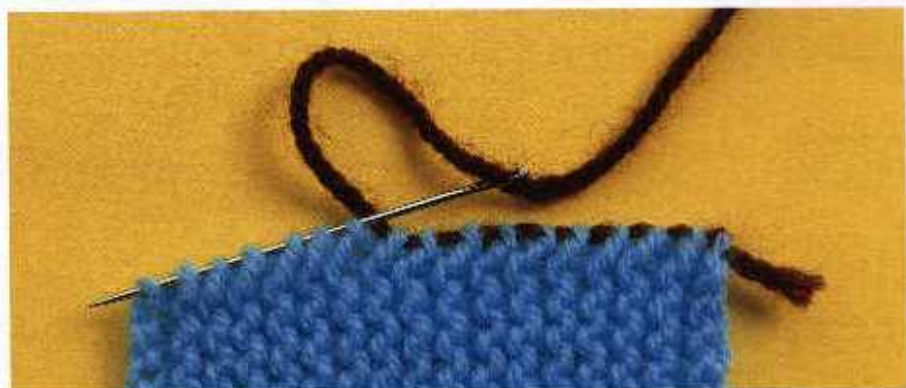
Paper plates in various sizes for serving up the *FAST FOOD*.

Cardboard tubes from kitchen paper towel rolls.

Plasticine [USA: non-hardening modelling clay] for weighting the *ROLY-POLY FRUIT*.

Plastic drinking straws about 3mm and 5mm [$\frac{1}{16}$ in and $\frac{1}{8}$ in] in diameter.

Thick strong paper such as drawing paper, flexible enough to be rolled up into tubes.



GATHERING THE ROW ENDS

Basic Techniques

Casting on and casting off

The thumb method is recommended for casting on. Cast on loosely.

Garage stitch is the same on both sides and therefore has no right or wrong side. However, for the neatest end-results, always assume that the first knitted row after casting on is the right side. If you are knitting a square, or a length where a measurement is given, always cast off with the wrong side facing toward you and cast off loosely.

Knitting a square

To knit a square, work several rows, then measure the width of the knitted piece. This measurement is the required length of the piece.

Measurements and numbers of knitted rows

In the instructions for each knitted piece, the required number of rows are always given, except for the longest pieces, where measurements are quoted.

Row counting is quite easy with garage stitch knitting. After casting on and working two rows, there will be one garage stitch ridge on the 'right' side of the piece, which means you have knitted two rows. As the work progresses, count each garage stitch ridge on the right side of the piece as two rows - 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 etc.

With odd numbers of rows an extra row will be worked after the last right side garage stitch ridge, so that you will be casting off with the wrong side of the piece facing toward you.

Sewing up the pieces

Only two methods are used - oversewing the edges together or gathering. Oversew the edges together with wrong side of the pieces outside unless the piece is very small. Small pieces are sewn up 'with right side outside', as stated in the instructions.

Take care not to oversew too tightly, unless otherwise stated. If oversewn seams are used on characters with bodies, legs and heads etc, place the seams at the back of the character for neatness.

For arms, place the oversewn seams at the underarm position, unless otherwise stated. If a yarn bow is tied on any item, use matching sewing thread to sew through the bow so that it won't come undone.

Gathering the row ends

When the instructions specify that the row ends should be gathered, work as follows. Slip the darning needle through the very edges of the projecting set of garage stitch loops only.

The illustration on page 2 shows an example, using a contrast colour for the gathering yarn for clarity. When pulled up tightly and fastened off, this method gives a smooth finish without any puckers.

Making instant faces

In keeping with the simplicity of these garage stitch knits I have used plastic wiggle eyes also called joggle eyes [USA: moveable eyes], which are glued in place.

These eyes are inexpensive and are available from craft suppliers in a variety of sizes. I have used four sizes - 3mm, 5mm, 7mm and 10mm diameter. It appears that they are only available in metric sizes and in the instructions, only metric sizes are given.

The positioning of the eyes is not critical and the photographs give a guide to placing. You can try out different effects by fixing the right sides of the eyes to a bit of sticky tape. The sticky tape can be lightly stuck onto the knitted object and re-arranged as required. Mark the positions with pins as you remove the eyes and sticky tape.

The smallest wiggle eyes are fiddly to handle, but they can be applied easily as follows. You will need a bit of reusable putty adhesive such as BLU TACK [USA: ELMERS TACK]. Mould the putty adhesive around the pointed end of a pencil. Pick up the front side of the eye with the adhesive-covered pencil point. Now apply a little glue on the flat side of the eye directly from the tube. Alternatively, put a blob of glue on a piece of paper and dip the flat side of the eye in the glue. Press the eye in position on the knitted piece. Release the eye from the pencil point with your finger-tip. Press the eye firmly in place. If using a slow-drying glue, lay the item down, so that the eyes are in a horizontal position, until the glue is dry.

Assembling the knitted pieces

In general, if several separate knitted pieces are required for one design, they are sewn together. However, there are occasions where gluing may be easier or more appropriate and gluing will be suggested. Whatever adhesive you are using, pin the knitted pieces together until the glue is dry. Take care to keep the glue clear of the edges of the pieces, so that it will not spoil the appearance of the finished item.

BASIC MAKING-UP METHODS

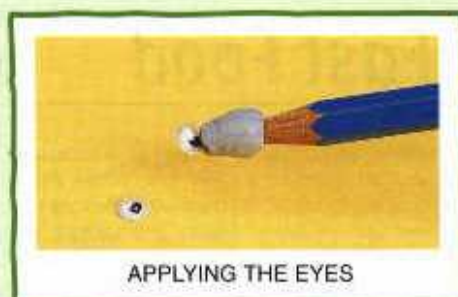
Notes: Some methods are common to a number of pieces. These methods are given here and will be referred to in the instructions as **METHOD 1**, **METHOD 2** etc. Mostly, the pieces are sewn up with the wrong side outside. But for very small pieces the instructions will specify that they should be sewn up 'with right side outside', because they are too small to turn right side out after sewing.

METHOD 1

This is a stuffed rounded or elongated 'sausage' shape.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. If the instructions specify 'oversewing tightly' pull the yarn as you go to curve the knitted piece.

Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out. Stuff, then gather round the second set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off.



APPLYING THE EYES

METHOD 2

This is a stuffed dome-shape, with a cardboard circle inserted at one end. Two circles may be required, glued together for strength.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out. Cut the cardboard circle [or circles] to the size given in the individual instructions.

Push the circle inside the knitted piece, so that centre of the circle is at centre of the gathered row ends. Stuff, then gather round the second set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off.

METHOD 3

This is a stuffed cylindrical shape, with cardboard circles inserted at each end. Four circles may be required, glued together in pairs for strength.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out.

Cut the cardboard circles to the size given in the individual instructions. Push one circle inside the knitted piece, so that centre of the circle is at centre of the gathered row ends. Stuff, then gather round the second set of row ends loosely. Push the second cardboard circle inside, then pull up the gathers tightly and fasten off.

METHOD 4

This is a flat disc-shape with a cardboard circle inserted instead of stuffing. Two or more circles may be glued together if required.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out.

Cut the cardboard circle [or circles] to the size given in the individual instructions. Push it inside the knitted piece, so that centre of the circle is at centre of the gathered row ends. Gather round the second set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off.

METHOD 5

This is a tapered shape, with a depression at the widest end which forms the 'ears' on a creature.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff.

Bring the oversewn seam to centre of the remaining set of row ends, then oversew across these row ends. This edge is the top of the head. Secure a length of matching yarn at centre of this edge. Pass needle through the stuffed shape and bring it out at centre of the gathered row ends. Pull yarn to depress centre top of head, thus forming the ears. Fasten off.

Fast Food

Breakfast, lunch, tea or dinner, all are catered for in this feast of knitted fun. Make these goodies as toy food for children – they can be served up on paper plates and mixed and matched to order. Great play value, quick and inexpensive to make, these creations are so much nicer than the bought plastic variety.

TOY SAFETY

Please refer to the TOY SAFETY note on page 2.

BOILED EGG

Measurement: The lower section is 5.5cm [2 1/4in] high, including the egg cup.

Lower section, the egg shell piece

Using camel [nearest to brown egg colour], cast on 14 sts and g-st 29 rows. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out. Cut two 4cm [1 1/2in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Push the circle inside the egg shell piece, with gathered row ends at centre of circle. Stuff to same size as the circle. The base of the egg will form the base of the egg cup later on.

Lower section, the egg piece

Using white cast on 20 sts and g-st 2 rows. Break off white and join on gold. G-st 2 rows. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together. Cut a 3cm [1 1/4in] diameter circle of cardboard and glue it to wrong side of the piece. Push the egg piece inside the stuffed shell. Press it down just below shell row ends, then catch outer edge in place.

Top section, the egg shell piece

Using colour to match other shell piece cast on 5 sts.

G-st 29 rows, then cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff.

Top section, the egg piece

Using white cast on 16 sts and g-st 2 rows.

Break off white and join on gold.

K 1 row, then B & T tightly.

Make up and sew in place as given for the other egg piece, gluing on a 2.5cm [1in] diameter cardboard circle.

The egg cup

Using blue cast on 24 sts tightly. This edge is the lower edge. G-st 13 rows, then cast off loosely.

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out.

Place the cup piece on the egg, with cast on edge just turned onto underside of the base of egg. Catch cast on edge to egg.

POACHED EGG ON TOAST

Measurements: Toast, 9cm [3 1/2in] square. Egg, 7cm [2 3/4in] in diameter.

Toast

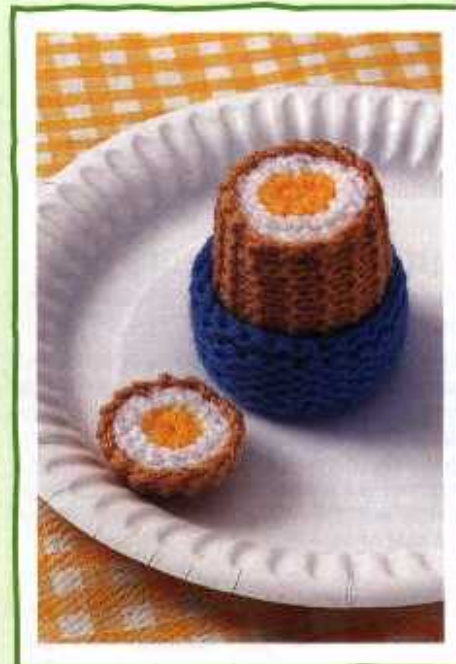
Using golden-brown cast on 20 sts and g-st a square.

Cast off.

Egg

Using white for the egg white, knit as given for the toast.

Run a gathering thread all round the edges of the piece. Pull up gathers so that all the edges



turn in toward the centre of the square. Keep pulling, until there is a space about 2.5cm [1in] across, between all the gathered edges. Fasten off. The side with the space will be underneath the egg.

For the egg yolk use gold and cast on 10 sts. G-st a square, then cast off.

Make up as given for the egg white, noting that the space between the gathered edges will be about 1.5cm [5/8in] across. Glue the underside of the yolk to centre top of the egg white.

BREAKFAST

Measurements: Streaky bacon, 14cm [5 1/2in] in length. Sausages, 6cm [2 3/8in] in length. Egg, 7cm [2 3/4in] in diameter. Tomato, 2.5cm [1in] in diameter. Mushrooms, 4cm [1 1/2in] in diameter.

Egg

Make as given for POACHED EGG, (this page).





Sausages

Using tan cast on 12 sts and g-st 11 rows. Cast off. Make up using **METHOD 1**, oversewing tightly.

Streaky bacon

Note that for the bacon, the usual *wrong* side is the *right* side.

Using camel cast on 30 sts and g-st 2 rows. Join on tan and g-st 2 rows. Break off tan. Using camel g-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Tomato

Using orangey-red cast on 14 sts and g-st 9 rows.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out. Stuff, then gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Use green to work a few small stitches at position of the B & T sts, for top of tomato.

Mushrooms

Main piece

Using fawn [for a cooked appearance] cast on 20 sts, G-st 7 rows, then B & T tightly.

With right side outside, oversew row ends together. Turn inside out.

Centre piece

Using dark brown cast on 18 sts.

G-st 3 rows, then B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together. Put a little glue at centre of the piece on right side. Push it inside the main piece, glued side down. Ease the edge of the main piece over the edge of the centre piece.

Stalk

Using fawn to match main piece cast on 10 sts. Cast off.

Starting at one set of row ends, roll up the

piece and pin to secure. Sew row ends in place, then sew through the rolled-up shape to hold in place. Glue stalk to mushroom on the centre piece.

BOILED HAM SALAD

Measurements: Ham slices, 5cm by 10cm [2in by 5in]. Cucumber and egg slices, 3.5cm [$1\frac{3}{8}$ in] in diameter. Gathered lettuce pieces, average 4.5cm [$1\frac{3}{4}$ in] across. Tomato, 2.5cm [1in] in diameter. Radish slices, largest is 2.5cm [1in] in diameter.

Tomato

Make as given for BREAKFAST TOMATO, (this page).

Cucumber and egg slices

Make as given for SANDWICHES, page 6.

Radish slices

Using dark pinky-red cast on 16 sts, or 18 sts for a larger slice. Break off red and join on cream. G-st 2 rows, or 3 rows for a larger slice. B & T tightly. Oversew the row ends together.

Ham slices

Using cream cast on 24 sts and g-st 2 rows. Break off cream and join on pink. G-st 21 rows, then cast off.

Run a gathering thread along one set of row ends, then along cast off edge, then along the second set of row ends. Pull gently, to slightly shorten all the gathered edges. Fasten off.

Lettuce pieces

Using light green cast on 12, 14 or 16 sts to vary the sizes. G-st 14 or 16 rows. Break off yarn and thread it through the sts. Pull up, but not too tightly, then fasten off. Gather across the lettuce pieces at random, for a crinkled effect.

ROAST BEEF AND VEGETABLES

Measurements: Beef slices, 4.5cm by 10cm [$1\frac{3}{4}$ in by 5in]. Brussels sprouts and carrot slices, 2.5cm [1in] in diameter. Boiled potatoes, 3cm to 6cm [$1\frac{1}{4}$ in to $2\frac{1}{2}$ in] in length.

Note: For the 'gravy' effect shown in the illustration, use a piece of brown paper. Cut out an uneven shape with wavy rounded edges, to fit the centre of the paper plate. Glue in place.

Roast beef slices

Make as given for HAM in BOILED HAM SALAD (this page), starting with fawn instead of cream. Next, use brown instead of pink and g-st 19 rows instead of 21 rows.

Brussels sprouts

Using green, make as given for BREAKFAST TOMATO, (this page), omitting the embroidered green stitches.

Carrot slices

Using orange cast on 16 sts and g-st 2 rows. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together.

Boiled potatoes

Using cream cast on 10, 12 or 14 sts and g-st a square. Cast off. Make up using **METHOD 1**, stuffing with cotton wool for a lumpy uneven effect.

BURGER AND CHIPS

Measurements: Burger, 7cm [$2\frac{3}{4}$ in] in diameter. Chips, 5cm to 6cm [2in to $2\frac{1}{2}$ in] in length. Gathered lettuce pieces, average 4.5cm [$1\frac{3}{4}$ in] across. Onion rings, 3cm to 4cm [$1\frac{1}{4}$ in to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in] in diameter. Ketchup is about 4cm [$1\frac{1}{2}$ in] in length.



Burger

Using dark tan, make as given for POACHED EGG WHITE, page 4.

Onion rings

Make as given for SANDWICHES, (this page).

Lettuce pieces

Make as given for BOILED HAM SALAD LETTUCE PIECES, page 5.

Chips

Using gold cast on 12 sts or 14 sts for longer chips. G-st 5 rows, then cast off. With right side outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together.

Ketchup

Using orangey-red cast on 14 sts and g-st 14 rows. B & T tightly, but do not break off yarn.

Use the B & T length of yarn to gather diagonally across the piece to one end of the cast on edge. Pull up gathers tightly and fasten off, then gather along cast on edge. Pull up tightly and fasten off. The gathered edges will be underneath the ketchup.

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS

Measurement: Meatballs, 2.5cm [1in] in diameter.

Note: For the gravy effect under the spaghetti refer to Note in ROAST BEEF AND VEGETABLES, page 5.

Meatballs

[Make nine, for a generous serving]

Using dark tan, make as given for BREAKFAST TOMATO, page 5, omitting the embroidered green stitches.

Spaghetti

Pull about 12 metres or yards off a ball of cream yarn and pile it onto the paper plate. Cut about 4 metres or yards of yarn in a slightly lighter shade than the meatballs for gravy-coated spaghetti. Pile it on top of the spaghetti. Place the meatballs on top.

FOUR SANDWICHES

Measurement: Each sandwich measures about 11cm [4 1/4 in] at the longest edge of the triangular shape.

The bread slice

Using fawn cast on 20 sts and g-st a square. Cast off.

The fillings

Cheese or ham

Using light yellow for cheese or pink for ham cast on 18 sts and g-st a square. Cast off. Fold one corner to opposite corner and oversew the edges together.

Bits of lettuce

Using light green cast on 12 or 16 sts and g-st 5 rows. B & T tightly. Gather the pieces at random for a crinkled effect.

Slice of tomato

Using orangey-red cast on 12 sts and g-st 3 rows. B & T tightly. This makes a half slice which will be added at the edges of the sandwich.

Slice of cucumber

Using green cast on 22 sts. Break off green and join on light greenish-yellow G-st 5 rows. B & T tightly. Oversew the row ends together.

Onion rings

There are three sizes. Using cream, cast on

20, 25 or 30 sts. Cast off. Catch the row ends together noting that cast off edge is outer edge of each ring.

Slice of hard-boiled egg

Using white cast on 20 sts and g-st 2 rows. Break off white and join on gold, then g-st 2 rows. B & T tightly. Oversew the row ends together.

To make up the sandwiches

The slice of bread will be folded, one corner to the opposite corner. Arrange the fillings of your choice on one triangular half of the bread, so that they will be visible at the edges of the finished sandwich, as shown in the illustration. Glue the fillings in place, then fold over the other triangular half of the bread and glue it on top of the fillings. Place a heavy book or something similar on the sandwiches to hold in place, until the glue is dry.

FOUR PASTRIES

Measurement: Each one is 6cm [2 3/4 in] in diameter.

The pastry case

[Make one for each pastry]

Using light yellow cast on 10 sts and g-st 47 rows. Cast off.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. All along one set of row ends, turn 2 sts down onto the outside of the piece, then catch the row ends in place but not too tightly. Turn right side out. Gather round remaining set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off, for base of the pastry case.

Strawberry jam tart

For the jam use red and cast on 10 sts. G-st 35 rows, then cast off.

Cut two 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using

METHOD 4. Push the jam inside the pastry case. Catch the turned-in row ends of pastry to edge of jam.

For the swirl of cream, use cream yarn and cast on 12 sts. G-st 6 rows, then cast off. Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Form the strip into a cone-shaped spiral and sew through it to secure. Sew to centre top of jam.

Iced tart

Using white make the icing as given for the JAM, but glue three cardboard circles together instead of two. Sew to pastry case as given for JAM TART.

For the cherry use red and cast on 5 sts. G-st 7 rows, then cast off. With right side outside make up using **METHOD 1**. Sew to centre top of icing.

For the two pieces of angelica use light green. Cast on 3 sts, K 1 row and cast off. Sew one to the icing on each side of cherry.

Cheesecake

Using golden brown cast on 11 sts and g-st 35 rows.
Cast off.

Cut two 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 2**. Sew to pastry case as given for JAM TART.

For the pastry strip trimming use light yellow and cast on 26 sts. Cast off. Form the strip into shape on the top of cheesecake as illustrated, then sew in place.

Lemon curd tart

Make as given for the STRAWBERRY JAM TART, using gold instead of red for the jam piece. Omit the swirl of cream.

SIX BISCUITS

Measurements: The finished biscuits are all slightly larger than the inserted cardboard pieces.

Rich tea biscuit

Using camel cast on 12 sts and g-st 23 rows.
Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Turn right side out. Cut a 3cm by 5cm [$1\frac{1}{4}$ in by 2in] piece of cardboard and round off the sharp corners. Push this inside the knitted piece, with oversewn seam underneath biscuit. Oversew row ends together at each end.

Chocolate finger

Using dark brown cast on 13 sts and g-st 8 rows.
Cast off.

With right side outside oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Cut a 6cm [$2\frac{1}{2}$ in] length off a 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] diameter plastic drinking straw. Push this inside the knitted piece. Gather up row ends tightly at each end, then fasten off.

Ginger biscuit

Using tan cast on 8 sts and g-st 39 rows.
Cast off.

Cut a 4cm [$1\frac{1}{2}$ in] diameter circle of cardboard and make up using **METHOD 4**.

Chocolate chip cookie

Using camel make as given for the GINGER BISCUIT. Using dark brown work the chocolate chips by oversewing several stitches at one position. Repeat here and there on the cookie.

Custard cream

Using camel make two pieces as given for the GINGER BISCUIT. Using light yellow for the cream make another piece the same, but omit the cardboard circle. Glue the pieces together, with the cream piece at centre, taking care to keep glue clear of the edges. Place under a book or similar heavy object until glue is dry.

Gypsy cream

Make as given for CUSTARD CREAM, using dark brown for the two biscuit pieces and white for the cream piece.





FIVE CAKES

Measurements: Éclair and brandy snap, 11cm [4 1/4 in] in length. Doughnut and Swiss roll, 7cm [2 3/4 in] in diameter. Meringue, about 6cm [2 1/2 in] across.

Chocolate éclair

Using camel cast on 22 sts and g-st 23 rows. Cast off. Make up using **METHOD 1**.

For the icing use dark brown and cast on 24 sts. G-st 13 rows, then cast off. Sew to top of éclair, so that long edges are slightly wavy as illustrated.

Brandy snap

Using tan cast on 20 sts and g-st a square. Cast off.

Fold one corner over the opposite corner, making the required tube shape, then catch in place.

For the cream filling use cream yarn. Cast on 8 sts and g-st a square. Cast off. Gather all round the edges of the piece, pull up tightly and fasten off. Make another piece in the

same way. Glue the gathered ends of the cream pieces inside ends of the brandy snap.

Doughnut

Using camel cast on 12 sts and g-st 13cm [5 in]. Cast off.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew the row ends together, stuffing the piece as you go.

For the icing use pink and cast on 6 sts. G-st 14cm [5 1/2 in], then cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather up one set of row ends slightly, so that they will fit the inner hole on the doughnut. Fasten off. Sew the icing to top of doughnut.

Swiss roll slice

Using light yellow for the cake piece cast on 9 sts and g-st 28cm [11 in]. Cast off.

With right side outside, fold the strip along the length and oversew the row ends together. Oversew across the cast on and cast off edges, at each end of the strip.

Using red for the jam, cast on 5 sts and g-st 25cm [9 3/4 in]. Cast off. Sew one end of the jam

piece to one end of the cake piece. Starting at this end, roll up the cake piece, with jam on the inside. Sew end of cake piece in place. Use light yellow to sew back and forth through the piece, but do not pull yarn tightly or you will distort the shape. When the rolled-up shape is secured, fasten off.

Meringue

Using cream for the meringue shell, cast on 16 sts and g-st a square. Cast off.

Make another piece in the same way. Run a gathering thread all round the edges of each piece. Pull up gathers so that all the edges begin to turn in toward the centre of the square. Keep pulling, until there is a space about 3cm [1 1/4 in] across, between all the gathered edges. Fasten off. Stuff lightly.

Using white make another piece in the same way for the cream, but do not stuff this piece.

Sandwich the cream between the meringue pieces, making sure the g-st ridges on both meringue pieces run in the opposite direction to the cream piece. Squash the pieces together, then pin to hold in place. Sew all the pieces together, where they touch.

ICE-CREAM

Measurement: Each scoop is 5cm [2 in] in diameter.

Use mint green, light strawberry pink or milk chocolate colour. Cast on 12 sts and g-st 35 rows. Cast off. Make up using **METHOD 1**.

Using red for the strawberry ice-cream, work several oversewing stitches in one position then repeat here and there, for the bits of strawberry. Work these stitches on the other two scoops, using dark brown for the chocolate scoop and milk chocolate colour for the mint scoop.



Easter Delights

The **EASTER PICNIC** makes a charming little scene for seasonal display, or a delightful set of toys for children. The picnic bag is just big enough to hold two miniature chocolate eggs, for an extra treat. There are also instructions for making the cardboard display base.

Sure to be popular are the **SWEET EASTER**

BUNNIES, designed to hold a small chocolate egg inside the body. The egg stays securely in place until squeezed out.

EASTER BUNNY

Measurement: 9.5cm [3 3/4 in] in height, to tops of the ears.

Eyes required: Two 7mm.

Body and head

Using camel, make as given for **SNOW**

FAMILY BABY, page 26. Glue on the eyes, with one g-st ridge between them.

Arms

[Make two]

Using camel cast on 5 sts and g-st 7 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, make up using **METHOD 1**. Sew arms to sides of body just below neck, in the upraised position as shown in the illustration.



Ears

[Make two]

Using camel cast on 6 sts and g-st 9 rows.
Cast off.

With right side outside make up using **METHOD 1**, but do not stuff. Sew ears side-by-side to top of head.

Tail

Using white cast on 4 sts and g-st 9 rows.
Cast off.

With right side outside make up using **METHOD 1**. Sew tail to centre back of body at lower edge.

EASTER CHICK

Measurement: 6cm [2 1/2in] in height.

Eyes required: Two 5mm.

Body and head

Using gold cast on 14 sts and g-st 27 rows.
Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**.

To shape the neck, tie a length of gold yarn tightly around body, just over half way up the stuffed piece. Sew yarn ends into neck.

Beak

Using orange cast on 4 sts and K 1 row. B & T tightly.

With right side outside, oversew the row ends

together. Sew or glue to face, about half way down. Glue on the eyes just above beak, with one g-st ridge between them.

Feet

[Make two]

Using orange cast on 6 sts and g-st 2 rows.
B & T tightly.

Sew the B & T sts and row ends to base of chick, leaving a 1cm [3/8in] space between feet.

Wings

[Make two]

Using gold cast on 6 sts and g-st 7 rows.
Cast off.

Sew one set of row ends on each wing to sides of body, just below neck. Sew a length of light turquoise yarn through top of head and knot, then tie in a small bow. Trim off ends of yarn.

EASTER PICNIC

Measurements: The cloth is 8cm [3in] square, hot cross buns are 2cm [3/4in] in diameter. **Note:** Two miniature chocolate eggs are required for the picnic bag.

Picnic cloth

Using light turquoise cast on 18 sts and g-st a square.
Cast off.

Hot cross buns

[Make two]

Using brown cast on 4 sts and g-st 15 rows.
Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**, then sew through centres of gathered row ends and pull tightly to flatten the bun. Fasten off. Use cream to work a cross-stitch on top of bun.

Daisies

Using white cast on 12 sts, then B & T tightly.

Catch ends of cast on edge together. Colour centre of daisy with a yellow pencil or marker pen.

Picnic bag

Using light turquoise cast on 9 sts and g-st 27 rows. Cast off.

Bring cast on and cast off edges together, then oversew across row ends at each side. Turn right side out.

For the handle use light turquoise and cast on 12 sts. Cast off. Sew row ends to each side of bag. Place the two miniature chocolate eggs inside.

Display base

First cut an 18cm [7in] square of cardboard. Cut all the edges into irregular curves, rounding off the corners at the same time. Glue this piece to another piece of cardboard then cut it out level with the first piece.

The base can now be covered with a larger piece of green felt, fabric, or paper. The base illustrated is covered with three layers of crushed green tissue paper, the edges turned and glued to the underside of the cardboard.



SWEET EASTER BUNNIES

Measurement: 13cm [5in] in height to tops of the ears.

Eyes required: Two 7mm for each bunny.

Note: The double thickness body piece is designed to hold a small filled chocolate egg, for example a Cadbury's creme egg.

Body

Using light turquoise or pink cast on 28 sts and g-st 27 rows. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**, but do not stuff. Push the second set of gathered row ends right inside the piece, so that both sets of row ends are together. Now push the chocolate egg right inside the body, with narrow end of egg at gathered top of body. Leave the egg inside when adding all the other pieces. Catch the two sets of gathered row ends together.

Head

Using light fawn cast on 10 sts and g-st 27 rows. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**. Pin, then sew head to top of body, matching the two sets of gathered row ends. Glue on the eyes, with one g-st ridge between them.

Ears

[Make two]

Using light fawn cast on 7 sts and g-st 9 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, make up using **METHOD 1**, but do not stuff. Sew ears side-by-side to top of head.

Arms

[Make two]

Using light fawn cast on 8 sts and g-st 9 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, make up using **METHOD 1**, oversewing tightly. Sew tops of arms to sides of body just below 'neck'. Catch arms to body a little further down.

Tail

Make as given for EASTER BUNNY'S TAIL, page 9. Sew to centre back of body piece at lower edge.

Bow

Using yellow cast on 26 sts, then cast off.

Form the strip into a bow-shape. Tie a length of yellow yarn tightly around centre, then use this to sew bow to body under the chin.

Allsorts of Novelties

The comical NO-NIT beasts and WRIGGLIES can be made in minutes. Glue them on twigs, bits of driftwood and sea shells, or stick them onto small pebbles for amusing paperweights.

BIG and LITTLE ROBOTS are sure to please small boys and there is also a family of OWLS, a tin of BAKED BEANS and a pod of PEAS.

The POP-UP TOYS and ROLY-POLY APPLE and ORANGE will give hours of amusement. The roly-polys are based upon the traditional weighted toys that 'won't lie down'. These knitted versions are simply weighted with a lump of modelling clay and no matter which way they are tumbled they always end right side up!

THE NO-NITS

Measurement: About 2.5cm [1in] across.

Eyes required: Two 5mm for each one.

Cut a 30cm [12in] length of yarn in the colour

required. Fold it in half, then in half again. Tie a knot at centre of the 4 strands, but do not pull knot too tightly. Glue the eyes to the knot. Trim yarn on each side of knot to about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] in length for the legs.

Glue the no-nits to small pebbles for use as paperweights, or to sea shells, bits of driftwood, twigs etc.

THE ONE-ROW WRIGGLIES

Measurement: Any length you wish. The long green one on the pebble has 30 sts, the pink one inside the shell has 12 sts, the tiny red one on the limpet shell has 4 sts.

Eyes required: Two 5mm for each one.





Using colour of your choice cast on the required number of sts.

K 1 row, then cast off, noting that cast off row is right side.

For the longest wriggles glue on the eyes near to one end side-by-side and touching. For the smallest red one glue on the eyes along the length at one edge. Glue them to various items as suggested for the NO-NITS.

BIG ROBOT

Measurement: 16cm [6 1/4in] in height.

Eyes required: Two 7mm and six 5mm.

Base piece

Using royal blue cast on 8 sts and g-st 18cm [7in]. Cast off.

With right side outside, oversew row ends together, pulling yarn tightly to curve the strip. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together, thus forming a ring, with oversewn row ends at inner edge of the ring.

Body piece

Using blue cast on 24 sts and g-st 47 rows. Cast off.

Cut four 6cm [2 3/4in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together in pairs. Make up using **METHOD 3**. Glue or sew one end of body centrally to the base piece.

Head piece

Using light blue cast on 16 sts and g-st 41 rows. Cast off.

Cut four 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together in pairs. Make up using **METHOD 3**. Glue or sew one end of head piece to centre top of body piece. Glue the 7mm eyes to head, with two g-st ridges between them.

Top piece

Using red cast on 14 sts and g-st 7 rows. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out and stuff. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Glue or sew this gathered end to centre top of head.

For the outer rim use white and cast on 20 sts. G-st 3 rows, then cast off. Oversew row ends

together, then place this piece around base of the red top piece.

Control panel

Using gold cast on 6 sts and g-st 13 rows. Cast off.

Glue panel to front of body just below top edge. Glue on the six 5mm eyes, as shown in the illustration.

Arms

[Make two]

Using light blue cast on 12 sts and g-st 13 rows. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**. Sew arms to sides of body, just below top edge.

LITTLE ROBOT

Measurement: 10cm [4in] in height.

Eyes required: Two 7mm and five 5mm.

Base piece

Using dark green cast on 6 sts and g-st 14cm [5 1/2in]. Cast off.

Make up as given for BIG ROBOT.

Body piece

Using green cast on 14 sts and g-st 29 rows. Cast off.

Make up as given for BIG ROBOT, using 4cm [1 1/2in] diameter circles of cardboard.

Head piece

Using light green cast on 10 sts and g-st 23 rows. Cast off.

Make up as given for BIG ROBOT, using 3cm [1 1/4in] diameter circles of cardboard. Glue the 7mm eyes to head, with one g-st ridge between them.

Top piece

Using red cast on 10 sts and g-st 5 rows. B & T tightly. Make up as given for BIG ROBOT.

For the outer rim use gold and cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Make up as given for BIG ROBOT.

Control panel

Using red cast on 16 sts and K 1 row. B & T tightly.

Catch row ends together.

Glue to front of body near to top edge. Glue on the five 5mm eyes as shown in the illustration.

Arms

Using light green, cast on 6 sts and g-st 7 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside make up using **METHOD 1**. Sew arms to sides of body, just below top edge.





THE OWL FAMILY

Measurements: Father is 6cm [2½in] in height and 14cm [5½in] around. Mother is 4cm [1½in] in height and 11cm [4¼in] around. Baby is 3cm [1¼in] in height and 7.5cm [3in] around.

Eyes required: Two 10mm for father and two 7mm each for mother and baby.

Using brown cast on 14 sts for father, 10 sts for mother and 7 sts for baby. G-st 33 rows for father, 25 rows for mother and 17 rows for baby. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 5**. Glue the eyes in place as illustrated, side-by-side and touching. Glue the owls to a bit of driftwood or a tree branch.

ROLY-POLY FRUIT

Measurements: Both measure 22cm [8¾in] around. The orange is 7cm [2¾in] high. The apple is 6cm [2½in] high.

Eyes required: Two 10mm for each fruit.

Also required: Small amount of non-hardening modelling clay such as Plasticine, for the weights.



The apple

Using light green cast on 18 sts and g-st 45 rows. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out.

Roll a ball of modelling clay about 2.5cm [1in] in diameter. Flatten the ball slightly. Place it inside the knitted piece, centrally on the gathered row ends. Press it onto the knitted piece. Stuff the apple, taking care not to move the modelling clay. Gather round the second set of row ends. Pull up tightly and fasten off, but do not break yarn. Pass needle and yarn through gathered row ends and down through the apple and bring it out at other gathered row ends. Pull yarn tightly to depress top of apple, then fasten off.

For the stalk use dark fawn and cast on 10 sts. Cast off.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together for three-quarters of the length. The widest end is top of stalk. Sew the narrow end to centre top of apple. Glue on the eyes side-by-side, with one slightly higher than the other. Use dark green to work two stitches forming a V-shape for the mouth.

The orange

Using orange, knit and make up in the same way as given for the apple, but do not work the stitch to depress the top. Use red for the mouth stitch.

Use light green to work a small cross-stitch at centre top of the orange. Next work a small loop at centre of the cross-stitch.

POP-UP TOYS

Measurements: The plant pots are 5cm [2in] in diameter at the base and 5cm [2in] deep. The cactus is 4cm [1½in] high. The flower is 3.5cm [1⅜in] in diameter.

Eyes required: Two 5mm, for each toy.

The pop-up stick

Using light green, make as given for the STICK on the WITCH'S BROOMSTICK, page 21.

The cactus

Cactus body

Using light green cast on 10 sts and g-st 15 rows. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**, but leave the second set of row ends open after gathering. Push about 1cm [¾in] at one end of the stick inside the gathers. Pull up gathers tightly around the stick. Fasten off, then catch gathered row ends to stick.

Cactus arms

[Make two]

Using light green cast on 5 sts and g-st 7 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, make up using **METHOD 1**, but do not stuff. Sew arms to sides of body, about half way up. Glue on the eyes, with one g-st ridge between them.

The flower

Flower

Using orange cast on 18 sts and g-st 10 rows. Break off orange and join on yellow. G-st 3 rows. B & T tightly.

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Do not stuff. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Use yellow to sew through both sets of gathered sts, pull tightly to flatten flower, then fasten off on the orange side of flower. Sew one end of the stick to orange side of flower, with end of stick at centre of flower. Glue the eyes to the yellow section, side-by-side.

Leaves

These are knitted in one piece. Using light green cast on 16 sts and g-st 5 rows. Cast off.

Gather up each set of row ends tightly and fasten off. Gather across the strip at centre, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew this gathered centre to stick at back of flower, level with lower edge of flower.

The plant pot

The pot

You will need a 5cm [2in] length cut off a

cardboard tube, about 4cm [1½in] in diameter. Refer to Collecting useful materials, page 2.

For the knitted covering piece use tan and cast on 20 sts. G-st 43 rows, then cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together.

Gather round one set of row ends. Pull up the gathers around the pop-up stick, but not too tightly. Make sure that the stick can move freely, then fasten off the gathers. Remove the stick. Turn the pot piece right side out.

Push the cardboard tube inside the knitted plant pot piece, so that the pop-up stick hole is at centre of one of the open ends of the tube.

Pull the knitted piece firmly up above top edge of cardboard tube. Now spread a little glue inside top row ends of the knitted piece. Turn about 2cm [¾in] of the knitted piece to inside of the tube and press glued edge in place.

Plant pot rim

Using tan cast on 30 sts and g-st 5 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together. Turn right side out and place this piece around top of the plant pot. Sew cast on and cast off edges in place.

To assemble the pieces

Push the pop-up stick inside the plant pot and pass it through hole in the base.

BAKED BEANS

Measurements: The tin is 5cm [2in] in diameter and 3.5cm [1⅜in] high. Each bean is 2.5cm [1in] high.

Eyes required: Six 3mm.

The tin

You will need a 2.5cm [1in] length cut off a cardboard tube about 4cm [1½in] in diameter. Refer to Collecting useful materials, page 2. You will also need a paper label from a small tin of baked beans.

For the knitted covering piece use turquoise and cast on 16 sts. G-st 41 rows, then cast off.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out. Push the section of cardboard tube inside the knitted piece. The gathered row ends should be at centre of one open end of the tube for base of the tin. Spread a little glue inside remaining set of row ends. Turn this edge to inside of tube, so that row ends are level with lower end of tube. Press glued section in place. Cut out the BAKED BEANS lettering and glue to tin as illustrated.

The tin lid

Using grey cast on 8 sts and g-st 37 rows. Cast off.

Cut two 4.5cm [1¾in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 4**.

Place lid on top of tin. Catch it to edge of tin with a few stitches at back, to form a hinge.

The baked beans

[Make three]



Using orange cast on 6 sts and g-st 11 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, make up using **METHOD 1**, oversewing tightly. Glue eyes near to top of the bean, with one g-st ridge between them.

With right side outside gather up each set of row ends tightly and fasten off.

For the stalk use green, cast on 5 sts and K 1 row. Cast off.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Sew one end of stalk to one end of pod as illustrated.

PEAS IN A POD

Measurements: The pod is 9cm [3½in] in length. Each pea is 2cm [¾in] in diameter.

Eyes required: Eight 3mm.

The pod

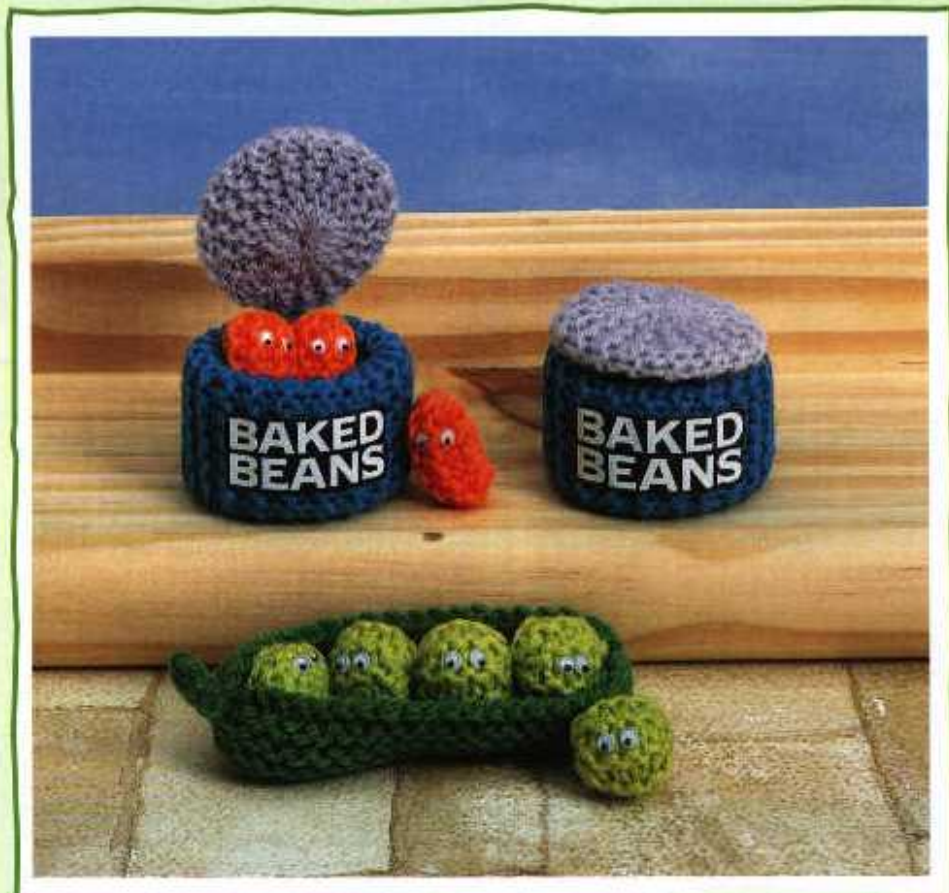
Using green cast on 20 sts and g-st 23 rows. Cast off.

The peas

[Four peas fill the pod]

Using light green cast on 5 sts and g-st 13 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside make up using **METHOD 1**. Glue the eyes to pea side-by-side, in one of the depressions between two g-st ridges.



Haunted Halloween

Halloween is increasingly popular and novelties of every description are available in the shops. Now you can knit up a fantastic spookerama of monsters and ghosties to delight youngsters of all ages. And for children [or adults!] who are just learning to knit, what better entertainment could there be.

To extend the cast of Halloween characters, you can include the GORILLA, GIANT SPIDER and SNAKE from JUNGLE FUN, page 22.

THE MONSTER

Measurements: 22cm [8³/₄in] in height, 17cm [6³/₄in] around body.

Eyes required: Two 7mm.

Body

Using royal blue cast on 24 sts and g-st 33 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together. Bring the oversewn seam to centre of cast on edge and oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff. Oversew across cast off sts in same way as for cast on sts.

Head

Using light mint green cast on 20 sts and g-st 16 rows. Break off yarn and join on black for hair. G-st 8 rows, then B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out. Cut a 4cm [1¹/₂in] diameter circle of cardboard and push it inside head, with centre of circle at centre of the B & T sts. Stuff head. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew this end of head to centre of cast on edge of body. Glue on the eyes, leaving one st between them.



Neck bolts

[Make two]

Using grey cast on 6 sts. K 1 row, then cast off.

Roll up each bolt strip tightly, then sew through the rolled-up shape to secure. Sew bolts to sides of neck, taking stitches through neck from one side to the other.

Legs

[Make two]

Using royal blue cast on 12 sts and g-st 22 rows. Break off royal blue and join on black for the shoe. G-st 14 rows, then B & T tightly, for end of shoe.

Oversew row ends of each leg together, then turn right side out and stuff. Sew the open cast on edges of legs to lower edge of body. Turn up the shoe sections and pin to hold in place.

Sew shoes to legs as pinned to secure.

Sleeves

[Make two]

Using royal blue cast on 11 sts and g-st 33 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends of each sleeve together. Oversew across cast off sts with oversewn seam at centre. Turn right side out and stuff. Sew oversewn cast off edges of sleeves to top corners of the body. Catch sleeves to body a bit further down.

Hands

[Make two]

Using light mint green cast on 8 sts and g-st 10 rows. B & T tightly.



Oversew row ends of each hand together, then turn right side out and stuff. Push open cast on edges of hands inside lower edges of sleeves. Use royal blue to sew through sleeves just above cast on edges, to hold hands in place.

The rock

The rock supports the monster in a standing position.

Using fawn cast on 20 sts and g-st a square. Cast off.

Cut two 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 2**. Thread a darning needle with a length of fawn yarn. Sew back and forth through the rock at different places, pulling the

yarn tightly each time, to create a very lumpy shape. Fasten off.

Sew both the monster's legs to the rock.

THE EGYPTIAN MUMMY

Measurements: 19cm [7½in] in height, 13cm [5in] around body.

Eyes required: Two 7mm.

Body and head

Using cream cast on 20 sts and g-st a square. B & T tightly, for top of head.

Oversew the row ends together. Turn right side out and stuff. Bring the row ends seam to centre of cast on edge. Oversew across cast

on sts, for base of body. To shape the neck, count 7 g-st ridges down from top of head, then tie a length of cream yarn tightly round, just below the 7th ridge. Sew yarn ends into neck. Glue on the eyes, with a small space between them.

Arms

[Make two]

Using cream cast on 8 sts and g-st 22 rows. B & T tightly for end of hand.

Oversew row ends of each arm together, then turn right side out and stuff. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew these ends of arms to sides of body, below neck, with left arm outstretched and right arm pointing downwards. Bend right arm as shown in the illustration, then catch hand to body.



Legs

[Make two]

Using cream cast on 10 sts and g-st 36 rows. B & T tightly, for end of foot.

Oversew row ends of each leg together, then turn right side out and stuff. Sew the open cast on edges of legs to lower edge of body. At the end of each leg, turn up a 2.5cm [1in] section for the foot and pin to hold in place. Sew to legs as pinned to secure.

Loose bandages on right arm and leg

[Make two]

Using cream cast on 28 sts, then cast off.

Sew one around right ankle, with one long end trailing. Sew the other over right arm with two long ends hanging down.

Loose bandages on head and lower body

Using cream cast on 44 sts for head bandage, 38 sts for body bandage. Cast off.

Sew head bandage around head, with one long end trailing. Sew lower body bandage in place in the same way.

The rock

Make as given for the MONSTER'S ROCK, page 15. Pin the mummy's right leg to the rock. Bend left leg backwards, for a 'walking' position and pin to rock also. Sew legs to rock as pinned.

THE MUMMY'S MUMMY

Make the body and head, arms and legs as given for THE MUMMY, pages 15 & 16. Reverse the positions of the arms and sew the left hand to the left 'hip'.

Loose bandages

[Make three for the 'hair']

Using cream cast on 40 sts, then cast off.

Drape the strips side-by-side across top of head, to hang down unevenly at each side. Glue or sew in place at top of head.

Hip bow

Make another bandage as above. Form into a bow-shape and sew through centre. Sew to right hip.

Hat

Using gold cast on 26 sts and g-st 7 rows. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out.

For the bow use red and cast on 26 sts. Cast off. Bring the ends to centre of the strip and sew in place, to form two loops. Sew to centre top of hat. Glue or sew hat to head, tilted toward the right eye.

Handbag

Using gold cast on 8 sts and g-st 27 rows. B & T tightly, for end of the flap.

Fold cast on edge up at the 5th g-st ridge. Oversew row ends together at each side. On right side of flap use red to work a small dot for the clasp. Glue end of flap to the bag. Thread a length of gold yarn through handbag under the flap for the handle. Knot ends to a suitable length and trim off excess yarn. Pull the handle so that knot disappears under the flap. Place handbag on the right arm.

The rock

Make as given for the MONSTER'S ROCK, page 15. Pin legs to rock, left leg straight and right leg bent at the 'knee' position, as shown in the illustration. Sew legs to rock as pinned.

THE INVISIBLE MAN

Measurement: 19cm [7½in] in height, to top of the hat.

Eyes required: Four 7mm. The inner black circles of these eyes are used for the coat buttons.

Other materials: The eye-glass rims are made from loops of thin gold gift-wrapping cord. Any other thin cords can be used, for example string or cord elastic [hat elastic]. These materials can be coloured with marker pens if desired.

Body

Using grey cast on 32 sts and g-st 41 rows. Cast off.

Cut two 6cm [2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 2**, but do not gather the second set of row ends. Instead, bring the oversewn cast on/cast off edge seam to centre of the row ends, then oversew across the row ends, pulling stitches to gather slightly. The ends of this seam are the 'shoulders'.

Coat collar

Using grey cast on 7 sts and g-st 37 rows. Cast off.

With wrong side outside, bring the cast on and cast off rows together. Sew them together at one end of these rows. Pin this sewn end to top of body at centre front, so that collar row ends form a circle on the top of the body. The collar should be in a slightly higher position at the back, lower at the front. Pin, then sew row ends in place.

Sleeves

[Make two]
Using grey cast on 20 sts and g-st 11 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together on one piece for left arm. Repeat for right arm, but oversew tightly. Gather round one set of row ends on each arm, pull up tightly and fasten off.

For the wrist edge on each sleeve, push the gathered row ends inside the sleeve, so that four knitted sts are turned inside the sleeve.

Now stuff sleeves, taking care not to push out the turned-in row ends and stuffing top of sleeves lightly. With cast on/cast off edge seam at one side, oversew across remaining set of row ends. Pin these edges to shoulders, with oversewn seams facing forward. Sew in place as pinned, then catch sleeves to body about half way down the sleeves.

Scarf

Using yellow cast on 4 sts and g-st 20cm [8in]. Cast off. Place scarf around back of the collar to hang down at front of body as illustrated. Use a little glue to secure scarf to body at front.

Buttons

Use scissors to cut a small section off the edge of each 7mm eye. Shake out the black pupil pieces. Glue them to centre front of body at regular intervals as illustrated.

Hat

Using light grey or light grey mixture cast on 12 sts. G-st 41 rows, then cast off.

Fold the piece in half bringing the cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew these edges together, then oversew across one set of row ends pulling tightly to gather.
This is the top of the hat.

Turn up 2 knitted sts all round the other set of row ends then catch these row ends in place. This forms the hat brim. Turn right side out.

Pin the back of the hat [the oversewn seam] to the scarf and the collar, taking the pin through

all thicknesses of scarf and collar. The lower back edge of hat should be about half way down the width of the scarf. Sew in place as pinned.

Eye glasses

From the chosen cord material cut a 5cm [2in] length for each eye. Form each one into a loop, with the ends level and side-by-side. Glue about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] at the ends together, to secure the loop.

Glue the glued ends inside the hat at front so that the loops hang down below the hat brim as illustrated, leaving a small space between them.

Umbrella

Using red cast on 12 sts and g-st 7 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. This is lower end of umbrella.

Cut a 6cm [2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in] length off a 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] diameter plastic drinking straw. Place it inside the umbrella. Pull the knitted piece away from the straw and dab on a little glue about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] below the row ends. Push the straw down so that it disappears just below the row ends and is secured with the glue.

For the handle use green and cast on 10 sts. Cast off, leaving a long end. Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together, then wind the long end of yarn round and round the piece to cover it completely. Sew in the end of yarn.

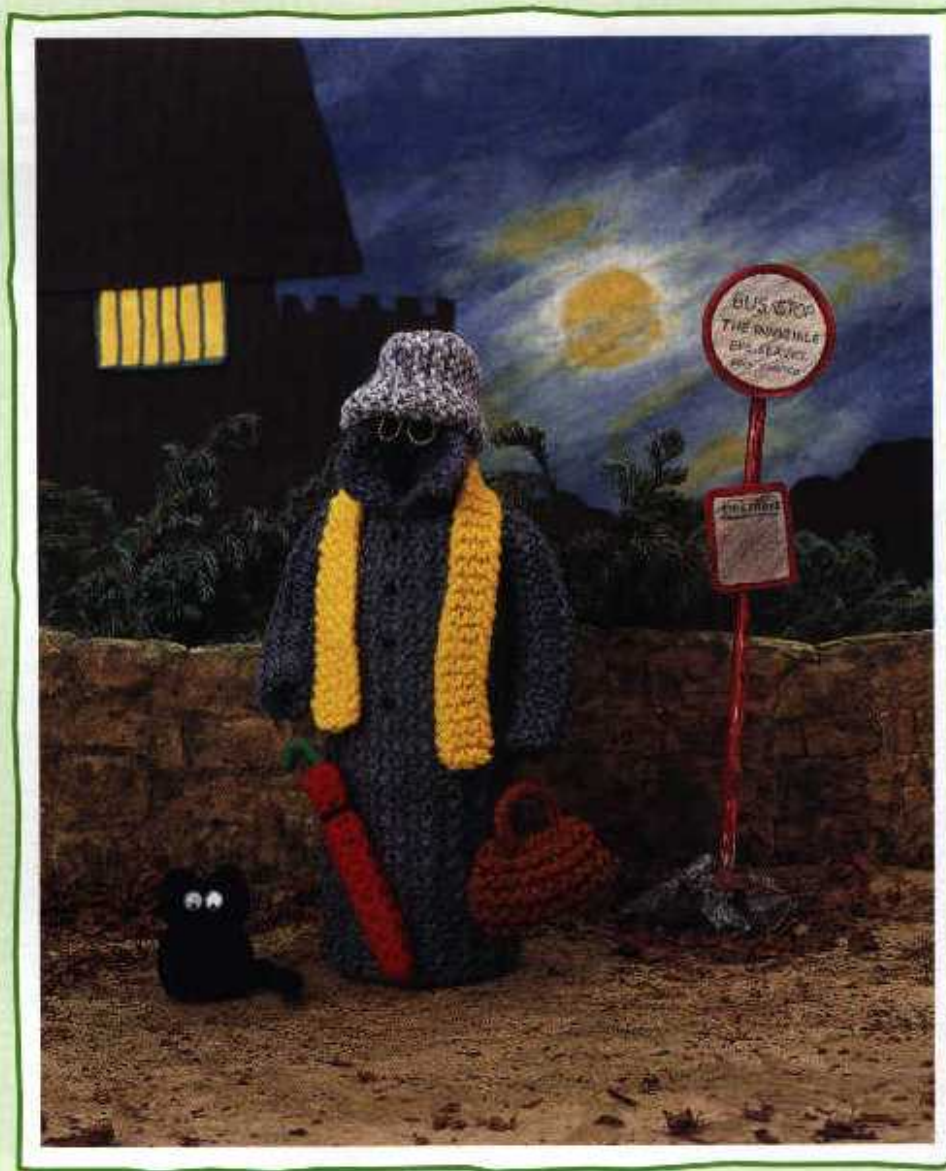
Glue one end of the handle inside top of the straw, then bend the handle to curve it. Tie a length of black yarn tightly around the red piece about 1.5cm [$\frac{5}{8}$ in] below top edge. Sew yarn ends into the umbrella. Now pin the umbrella to the body, in the position illustrated, to give the illusion that the invisible hand is holding the handle. Glue or sew to body as pinned.

Gladstone bag

Using tan cast on 10 sts and g-st 21 rows. Cast off.

Bring the cast on and cast off edges together then oversew row ends together at each side. Turn right side out. Put a small roll of cotton wool in base of the bag, leaving the remainder unstuffed. Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together, pulling stitches tightly to gather slightly.

Using tan, make the handle as given for the umbrella handle, casting on 8 sts instead of 10 sts. Sew ends of handle to top edge of bag. Position bag on the body as for the umbrella, then glue or sew in place.





TWO CREEPY TREES

Measurements: Small tree is 12cm [4³/₄in] in height, tall tree is 15cm [6in] in height.

Eyes required: Six 7mm, six 5mm and two 3mm.

Tree trunk

Using brown cast on 34 sts for small tree, 40 sts for tall tree. G-st 45 rows for both trees. Cast off.

For the base of each tree cut two 6cm [2³/₄in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. For top end of each tree cut two 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 3**, stuffing with cotton wool for a lumpy effect.

Glue on the 7mm eyes as illustrated, with one g-st ridge between them, placing one eye slightly higher than the other.

Tree branches – the ‘arms’

[Make two]

Using brown cast on 12 sts for small tree, 14 sts for tall tree. G-st 9 rows for small tree, 11 rows for tall tree. Cast off.

With right side outside oversee cast on and cast off edges of each arm together, pulling yarn tightly to curve arm upwards. These seams will be uppermost when sewing the arms in place. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff.

Pin the open row ends to sides of tree trunk about one-third of the way down from top end, placing one arm slightly higher than the other. Sew in place as pinned.

The leaves – the ‘fingers’

[Make two pieces for each arm]

Using green cast on 10 sts for small tree, 12 sts for tall tree. Cast off.

Sew in the tail-ends of yarn taking them to centre of each strip. Fold strip at centre to form a V-shape. Secure the fold by sewing with one of the tail-ends of yarn. Sew the two folded pieces to end of each arm side-by-side as illustrated, forming four fingers.

The roots – the ‘feet’

[Make two]

Using brown cast on 8 sts for small tree, 10 sts for tall tree. G-st 7 rows for small tree, 9 rows for tall tree. Cast off.

With right side outside, oversee cast on and cast off edges of each foot together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Stuff, but leave toe-ends unstuffed, for a tapered effect. Bring the oversewn seam to centre of remaining set of row ends and oversee across row ends. Sew these edges to base of trees at positions shown in the illustration.

The hollow stump

Using brown cast on 16 sts and g-st 2 rows. Break off brown and join on black. K 1 row, then B & T tightly.

With right side outside, oversee the row ends together. Pin the stump to left side of the tall

tree at position shown in the illustration. Catch the centre B & T sts to the tree, then sew cast on edge in place.

The little ghost

Using white for the body cast on 8 sts and g-st 7 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, make up using **METHOD 1**, stuffing one end of the piece more lightly than the other to make a tapered shape. Glue on the 5mm eyes side-by-side at the widest end.

For the arms use white and cast on 10 sts. Cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Push your knitting needle through the ghost about 1cm [³/₈in] below widest end and twirl it round and round to make a channel through the stuffing. Knot a length of yarn into one end of the arms piece. Use a needle to pass this length of yarn through the channel.

Pull yarn to draw arm piece half way through body. Adjust arms to equal lengths, then snip off the length of yarn. Catch arms to the body. Sew tapered end of the ghost inside the hollow stump, as illustrated.

The spooky nest

Using fawn and then black, make as given for the **HOLLOW STUMP**, casting on 10 sts instead of 16 sts.

Sew to the tall tree's right arm as for hollow stump. Glue the 3mm eyes inside the nest.

The bats

Using black cast on 6 sts for large bat, 5 sts for small bat. G-st 7 rows for both bats, then cast off.

With right side outside, make up using **METHOD 5**. Glue on the 5mm eyes, with one g-st ridge between them. Use black yarn to sew lower ends of bats to right arm of the small tree, by working two small stitches on the arm as illustrated.

The owl

Using fawn, make as given for the OWL FAMILY BABY, page 12.

Glue or sew owl to top of small tree at left side.

THE SWAMP THING

Measurements: 15cm [6in] in height, 23cm [9in] around body.

Eyes required: Two 10mm.

Body and head

Using light green cast on 30 sts and g-st 49 rows. Cast off.

Cut two 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 2**, noting that the body will be larger than the cardboard base when stuffed.

To shape the neck, tie a length of light green yarn tightly around the body, 8cm [3in] below gathered row ends at top of head.

Sew yarn ends into neck. Glue the eyes in place, with one g-st ridge between them and one slightly higher than the other.

Feet

[Make two]

Using light green cast on 12 sts and g-st 11 rows. Cast off.

Bring row ends of each foot together, then oversew across cast on and cast off sts at each side. Turn right side out. Push in a little stuffing, then oversew row ends together, pulling yarn tightly to gather slightly.

Pin these edges to body just above base, with one foot almost centre front and the other to one side, as though the creature is 'walking'. Sew edges in place as pinned.

Arms

[Make two]

Using light green cast on 16 sts and g-st 11 rows. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**. Sew to sides of body just below neck, with right arm upraised and left arm outstretched to front.

The swampy bits

Cut four 20cm [8in] lengths each of light green, green and brown. Pull them apart into finer strands and place together with all the ends uneven. Tie a length of light green yarn tightly around centres and use this to sew strands to centre top of head. Spread out the bits of yarn all over the head.

Repeat this with 15cm [6in] lengths of yarn and sew a few around left foot and remainder over right arm, next to the body.

THE PINK BLOB

Measurements: Body is 10cm [4in] in height and measures 25cm [9¾in] around, before the lumpy shaping.

Eyes required: Two 10mm.

Body

Using pink cast on 24 sts and g-st 53 rows. Cast off.

Cut two 6cm [2½in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 2**, noting that body will be larger than cardboard base when stuffed. Using a long length of pink yarn and a darning needle, sew back and forth through the body here and there, pulling yarn to make a lumpy shape as shown in the illustration. Fasten off. Glue on the eyes, with one g-st ridge between them, placing one slightly higher than the other.

The longest drippy pieces – the arms

[Make two]

Using pink cast on 24 sts and g-st 9 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, make up using **METHOD 1**, but only stuff the first gathered end of the piece firmly and leave remainder unstuffed. Sew the unstuffed gathered ends to gathered top of the body, so that the pieces hang down on each side of the body.





Catch the pieces to body about half way down the length.

The shortest drippy pieces

[Make two]

Using pink cast on 8 sts and g-st 9 rows. Cast off.

Make up and sew in place as for the longest pieces, so that they hang down toward centre front of face and back of head.

The medium-sized drippy pieces

[Make four as follows]

Using pink cast on 10 sts for two of the pieces and 12 sts for the other two pieces. G-st 9 rows for all pieces. Cast off.

Make up as for the longest pieces, then sew them in place between the other four drippy pieces.

The feet

Using pink cast on 8 sts for both feet. G-st 14 rows for one foot, 16 rows for other foot. B & T tightly.

Gather cast on sts of each foot up tightly, then fasten off. Oversew the row ends together, enclosing a little stuffing and pulling yarn tightly. Sew the oversewn edges to lower edge of body as shown in the illustration.

The tail

Make another 14 row foot and sew to back of body at lower edge.

The top loops

[Make two]

Using pink cast on 16 sts, then cast off.

Catch the ends of each piece together. Sew to centre top of head as illustrated.

THE GHOST

Measurements: 14cm [5½in] in height and 15cm [6in] around body at centre.

Eyes required: Two 7mm.

Body

Using white cast on 34 sts and g-st 43 rows. Cast off.

Cut two 7cm [2¾in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 2**, stuffing lower half of body with cotton wool for a lumpy effect. Continue with ordinary stuffing. Stuff remainder lightly to taper the shape to top of head. Glue on the eyes with one g-st ridge between them.

Arms

[Make two]

Using white cast on 16 sts and g-st 7 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside make up using **METHOD 1**.

Pin arms to sides of body, two-thirds of the way up, in the upraised position. Make sure the oversewn seams are uppermost, then sew arms in place.

The fingers

[Make two pieces for each arm]

Using white cast on 14 sts, then cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges of each piece together. Fold in half and sew in place as given for the CREEPY TREE'S FINGERS, page 18.

Ball and chain

Using black, make the ball as given for BREAKFAST TOMATO, page 5, omitting the embroidered green stitches.

For the chain use grey and cast on 20 sts. Cast off. Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Sew one end to the ball and other end to base of ghost at one side as illustrated.

Top knot

Wind a length of white yarn 8 times around two fingers. Remove carefully, then knot a length of white yarn tightly around centre of the loops. Sew to top of head.

THE WITCH

Measurement: 16cm [6¼in] in height, to top of hat.

Eyes required: Two 5mm and two 3mm.

Body

Using green cast on 20 sts and g-st a square. Cast off.

Cut two 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 2**.

Head

Using light pink cast on 8 sts and g-st 27 rows. Cast off. Make up using **METHOD 1**.

Sew one gathered end of head to gathered top end of body.

Cape

Using light green cast on 20 sts and g-st 15cm [6in]. Cast off.

Gather along one set of row ends, leaving a long tail-end of yarn at each end. Place this edge around neck. Knot ends of gathering yarn tightly at centre front. Sew ends of yarn into neck.

Hair

Cut thirty 10cm [4in] lengths of orange yarn. Using another length of yarn, tie it tightly around centres of the others. Sew the tied centre to top of head. Spread lengths out evenly at sides and back of head. Trim ends of yarn evenly if necessary.

Hat

For the top piece use black and cast on 10 sts. G-st 31 rows, then cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out. Gather round the hat just below gathered top end. Pull up tightly and fasten off, to give a pointed appearance.

For the hat brim use black and cast on 5 sts. G-st 14cm [5½in], then cast off.

Oversew the row ends together, pulling yarn tightly to curve the strip. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Sew the inner edge of brim to lower edge of the top piece. Push a little stuffing inside hat. Place on top of head and catch in place through lower edge of top piece.

Glue the 5mm eyes to face just below hat brim, with one g-st ridge between them.

Arms

[Make two]

Using light pink cast on 8 sts and g-st 6 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside make up using **METHOD 1**, but do not stuff. Push the arms inside front edges of the cape at an angle as shown in the illustration. The inner ends of the arms form the 'elbows'. Glue the left arm to the body. Glue upper half of right arm to the body, but leave the 'hand' free to hold the broomstick.

Broomstick

Using brown for the stick cast on 4 sts and g-st 35 rows. Cast off.

Cut a 10cm [4in] length off a 3mm [$\frac{1}{8}$ in] diameter plastic drinking straw. Place the straw along centre of the knitted strip, then oversew row ends together, enclosing the straw as you go. Push the knitted strip to one end of straw, so that ends of both are level. Oversew this end of the knitted strip. Stretch the strip so that it is level with other end of straw and oversew this end also.

For the broomstick bristles, use brown and make as for the witch's hair. Sew the tied centre to one end of the stick. Pull all the strands of yarn downward then tie another length of brown yarn tightly around them about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] below stick. Glue stick to witch's right hand as illustrated.

Spider

Using black, make as given for the NO-NITS, page 10, but glue on 3mm eyes, instead of 5mm. Suspend the spider from top end of the broomstick with a length of white sewing thread.

Using black cast on 24 sts and g-st 12 rows. Cast off.

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Place this piece around the brew with cast on edge at top and cast off edge just turned to underside of the brew. Sew cast off edge in place.

THE WITCH'S CAT

Measurement: 4cm [$1\frac{1}{2}$ in] in height.

Eyes required: Two 5mm.

Using black cast on 10 sts and g-st 17 rows. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 5**. To shape the neck, tie a length of black yarn very tightly around the cat, just over half way up. Sew yarn ends into neck. Glue on the eyes side-by-side, so they touch.

For the tail cast on 15 sts, then cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Sew one end of tail to centre back of cat at base.

THE TOADS

Measurement: 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] in height.

Eyes required: Two 5mm, for each toad.

Using green cast on 8 sts and g-st 14 rows. B & T tightly.

Starting at the B & T end and with right side outside, oversew the row ends together for half the length. Fasten off, but do not break yarn. Stuff the oversewn section lightly, for body and head.

To form the front legs, first use the length of

yarn to catch lower end of the oversewn seam to centre of the cast on edge.

Fasten off. Now oversew each remaining section of row ends to each half of the cast on edge. Sit toad on the legs and press head and body firmly down onto them. Glue eyes to head so they touch each other.

THE SNAKE

Measurement: 24cm [$9\frac{1}{2}$ in] in length.

Eyes required: Two 5mm.

Using light green cast on 6 sts and g-st 24cm [$9\frac{1}{2}$ in]. B & T tightly.

With right side outside and starting at the B & T end, oversew the row ends together for 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in]. Stuff this section for head. Now finish oversewing the row ends together. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Glue on the eyes side-by-side so they touch.

THE PUMPKINS

Note: Instructions are given for three sizes.

Measurements: 4cm [$1\frac{1}{2}$ in], 5cm [2in] and 5.5cm [$2\frac{1}{4}$ in] in diameter.

Eyes required: Two 5mm and four 7mm.

Pumpkins

Using orange cast on 10 sts for small size, 12 sts for medium size and 14 sts for large size. G-st 37 rows for small size, 41 rows for medium size and 45 rows for large size. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**. Secure a length of orange yarn at centre of one gathered set of row ends.

THE WITCH'S CAULDRON

Measurement: 4.5cm [$1\frac{3}{4}$ in] in diameter.

The brew

Using green cast on 10 sts and g-st 31 rows. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**. Secure a length of green yarn at centre of one set of gathered row ends. Sew through the piece to other set of row ends, then back again. Pull tightly to flatten the shape, then fasten off.

The steam

Cut a 10cm [5in] length of green yarn. Pull apart the length of yarn to separate into finer strands. Knot strands together at one end. Using a darning needle, pass other ends through the brew at centre and pull strands through. Repeat with two more lengths of green and two of cream.

Now use a comb to tease out the strands until they are very fine. Trim to suitable length, then tease again. Twirl the ends of strands together with your fingertips.

The cauldron

This is a knitted strip which goes around the side of the brew, there is no 'base'.





Pass needle and yarn through centre of the pumpkin to second set of row ends, then back again. Pull tightly to depress second set of row ends for top of pumpkin, then fasten off. Glue on all the eyes [5mm for the smallest pumpkin] with two g-st ridges between them. Use black yarn to work V-shaped stitches for the mouths as illustrated.

Stalks

Using green cast on 3 sts for small size, 4 sts for medium size and 5 sts for large size. G-st 3 rows, then cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges of each stalk together. Sew stalks to centre top of pumpkins.

THE HAUNTED DUSTBIN

Measurements: The closed bin is 9cm [3 1/2in] in height. The creature is 8cm [3in] in length and 11cm [4 1/4in] around.

Eyes required: Two 7mm.

The bin

For the tube-shape you will need a 6cm by 60cm [2 1/2in by 24in] strip of thick paper, such as drawing paper. Glue several strips together if necessary, to make up the 60cm [24in] length.

Roll up the strip to form a tube-shape measuring about 5cm [2in] across the diameter. Glue the short end of the strip in place.

For the knitted covering piece use grey and cast on 22 sts. G-st 43 rows, then cast off.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out. Push the paper tube inside the knitted piece. The gathered row ends should be at centre of one open end of the tube, for the base of the bin. Pull the knitted piece firmly up above top edge of the cardboard tube. Now

spread a little glue inside top row ends of the knitted piece. Turn about 2cm [3/4in] of the knitted piece to inside of the tube and press the glued edge in place.

The bin lid

Using grey make as given for the PASTRY CASE, page 6. Note that the gathered row ends will be top of lid.

The inner lid piece

Using grey cast on 12 sts and g-st 35 rows. Cast off.

Cut two 6cm [2 1/2in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 4**. Put a little stuffing inside the bin lid piece. Push the inner lid piece inside the lid. Catch the turned-in row ends of lid to edge of the inner lid piece.

The bin handles

[Make three]

Using grey cast on 10 sts. Cast off.

Sew one to each side of bin, about 1cm [3/8in] below top edge, forming a loop for the handle. Sew the remaining strip to centre top of the lid in same way.

The creature

Using light green cast on 14 sts and g-st 25 rows. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**. Glue on the eyes near to one gathered end, with one eye higher than the other and one g-st ridge between them.

The arms

[Make two]

Using light green cast on 12 sts, then cast off.

Sew one to each side of main piece about one-third of the way down, in the upraised position.

To assemble the pieces

Put the creature in the bin, then place lid on top. Pin one arm to the bin lid and one over edge of the bin as illustrated. Glue or sew in place as pinned. Pin back edge of bin lid to bin, then sew a 3cm [1 1/4in] section in place.

Lift the lid and the creature rises up, let go and he flops back into the bin.

Jungle Fun

HELP! It's the big GORILLA!

RUN! Here's a huge SPIDER!

HIDE! There's a giant SNAKE!

It's all part of everyday life for the JUNGLE PEOPLE, adding up to a cute set of toys for imaginative play.

THE GORILLA

Measurements: 20cm [8in] in height, 23cm [9in] around body.

Eyes required: Two 10mm and two 7mm.

Body

Using grey cast on 22 sts and g-st 53 rows. Cast off.

Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Bring the oversewn seam to centre of one set of row ends, then oversew across row ends. Turn right side out and stuff. Oversew across second set of row ends as for first set. This will be top end of the body.

Head

Using grey cast on 14 sts and g-st 35 rows. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Bring the oversewn seam to centre of one set of row ends, then oversew across row ends. Turn right side out and stuff. Gather round the

second set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. This will be lower end of head.

Pin centre back of head to centre top of body. Pin lower end of back of head to 'chest'. Sew in place as pinned. Glue on the 10mm eyes, with one g-st ridge between them. For the nostril dots, use scissors to cut a small section off the edge of each 7mm eye. Shake out the black pupil pieces. Glue these in place below the eyes as illustrated.

Top knot of hair

Using a slightly darker shade of grey, cut about twenty 6cm [2 1/2in] lengths of yarn. Tie them tightly together at centres with a matching length of yarn. Holding on tightly to the tied yarn centre, use a comb to tease the yarn into

finer strands. Trim the strands to half the length. Sew to top of head, just in front of the head seam.

Legs

[Make two]

Using grey cast on 11 sts and g-st 24 rows. B & T tightly, for end of foot.

Oversew the row ends of each leg together, then turn right side out and stuff. Sew the open cast on edges to lower edge of body, leaving a 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] space between them. Fold the lower half of each leg up to form the foot. Pin, then sew in place.

Arms

[Make two]

Using grey cast on 11 sts and g-st 40 rows. B & T tightly, for end of hand.

Make up as given for legs, but leave about 3cm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] unstuffed at tops of arms. With the oversewn seam at centre of cast on edge, oversew across cast on sts. Sew these edges to top of body on either side of head. Sew the unstuffed top sections of arms to body.

The rock

The rock supports the gorilla in a standing position. Using fawn, make as given for THE PINK BLOB'S BODY, page 19. Pin the lower end of body and one leg to the rock and check that gorilla and rock are stable. Sew in place as pinned.

THE GIANT SPIDER

Measurements: Body is 4.5cm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] in height and measures 20cm [8in] around.

Eyes required: Two 10mm.

Body

Using purple cast on 12 sts and g-st 47 rows. Cast off.

Cut a 5cm [2in] diameter circle of cardboard. Make up using **METHOD 2**, noting that the body will be larger than cardboard base when stuffed. Glue the eyes in place, with one g-st ridge between them.

Legs

[Make eight]

Using purple cast on 10 sts and g-st 9 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, make up using **METHOD 1**, oversewing tightly.

Sew four legs to each side of body, just above the cardboard base. Using black yarn, sew a few loops to gathered top of the body.

THE GIANT SNAKE

Measurements: 31cm [$12\frac{1}{4}$ in] in length and 6cm [$2\frac{1}{2}$ in] around.

Eyes required: Two 7mm.

Using orange cast on 8 sts and g-st 24cm [$9\frac{1}{2}$ in]. B & T tightly.

With right side outside and starting at the B & T end, oversew the row ends together a bit at a time, then stuff the section you have just sewn. Continue to the cast on end. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Glue on the eyes at the B & T end, side-by-side so that they touch.

JUNGLE PEOPLE

Measurement: Each one is 7cm [$2\frac{3}{4}$ in] in height.

Eyes required: Two 7mm for each character.

Body and head

Using light fawn cast on 16 sts and g-st 29 rows. Cast off.

Cut two 4cm [$1\frac{1}{2}$ in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 2**.

To shape the neck, tie a length of light fawn yarn tightly around the stuffed piece, 4cm [$1\frac{1}{2}$ in] above the base. Sew yarn ends into neck. Glue the eyes in place with one g-st ridge between them.





Boy's hair

Cut four 10cm [4in] lengths of black yarn and knot them together at centre. Pull knot very tight. Trim yarn ends to 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] on each side of knot. Fray out the yarn into finer strands. Sew knot to centre top of head.

Girl's hair

Cut six 14cm [$5\frac{1}{2}$ in] lengths of gold yarn and knot them together at centre. Sew knot to

centre top of head. Tie all the strands together with a length of pink yarn just above knot, then tie pink yarn in a bow. Carefully fray out the lengths of yarn to separate into finer strands.

Arms

[Make two]

Using light fawn cast on 8 sts and g-st 7 rows. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**. Sew arms to

sides of body just below neck, taking a stitch through body from one arm to the other, then back again. Fasten off. With the one-stitch fastening the arms can be moved into different positions.

Loin cloth

Using shades of brown for boys, pink for girl cast on 22 sts. G-st 11 rows, then cast off.

If desired, use permanent marker pens to mark black dots on the brown loin cloths, red dots on the pink loin cloth. Blot the markings with a paper tissue until dry.

Oversew the row ends together and turn right side out. Place on the body, with cast on edge level with lower edge of body.

Shoulder strap

Use colour to match loin cloth. For the boys cast on 16 sts, for girl 24 sts. Cast off.

Mark dots on the straps to match loin cloth. For the boys, place strap over one shoulder and sew ends to top edge of loin cloth.

For girl, sew centre of strap to top edge of loin cloth at centre front. Catch ends together at back of neck.

The club

Using brown, make as given for the arm, but only stuff one half of the piece. Secure a length of yarn to other end, then wind it tightly around this half. Fasten off.

Sew narrow end of club to end of the arm.

A Merry Christmas

For a jolly Christmas display, knit up a miniature snow-scene featuring the **SNOW FAMILY**, **SANTA CLAUS** and a cute **PENGUIN** with sledge.

There are also colourful striped **CHRISTMAS TREE BAUBLES** in two different shapes.

SANTA CLAUS

Measurements: Without hat, 13cm [5in] in height. Head measures 16cm [$6\frac{1}{4}$ in] around.

Eyes required: Two 7mm.

Body

Using red cast on 18 sts and g-st 41 rows. Cast off.

Cut two 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 2**.

Head

Using light pink cast on 12 sts and g-st 41 rows. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**. Pin, then sew head to top of body, matching the two sets of gathered row ends.

Face

Nose

Use red yarn to work three small horizontal stitches across one g-st ridge, half way down the head. Glue on the eyes just above nose, with the nose g-st ridge between them.

Moustache

Using white cast on 10 sts, then cast off.

With wrong side outside and cast on edge next to nose, oversew centre of moustache in place.

Beard

Using white cast on 16 sts and g-st 15 rows. Cast off, for top edge.

Fold the two lower corners of beard to wrong side, so that beard is a triangular shape. The row ends of these folded-in sections should be just below the top cast off edge. Glue the corners in place. Pin centre of cast off edge to face, just below centre of moustache. Pin ends of cast off edge to sides of head, forming a shallow U-shape. Sew cast off edge in place.

Santa's hat

Main piece

Using red cast on 14 sts and g-st 45 rows. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out. Place hat on Santa's head with seam at back just above 'neck'. Sides of hat should cover ends of beard. Centre front edge should be two knitted

sts above the eyes, to allow room for the white edging piece. Pin, then sew row ends to head.

Edging piece

Using white cast on 40 sts. G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Oversew row ends together. Pin the piece round lower edge of hat, with cast on edge just covering row ends of hat. Catch in place down centre of the strip.

Hat bobble

Using white cast on 4 sts and g-st 9 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, make up using **METHOD 1**. Sew to gathered top of hat.

Belt

Using light green cast on 36 sts and K 1 row. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together. Place belt on body just over half way up. Sew cast on and cast off edges in place. Use black to work four stitches at centre front of belt for the buckle.

Tunic edging

Make as given for **SANTA'S HAT EDGING PIECE**. Place round lower edge of body with cast off edge level with lower edge. Sew cast on edge in place.

Arms

[Make two]

Using red cast on 10 sts and g-st 11 rows. Cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**, oversewing tightly.

Sleeve edgings

[Make two]

Using white cast on 14 sts, cast off.

Catch row ends of each strip together. Place on the arms about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] away from one end. Sew in place. Sew other ends of arms to sides of body, just below neck. Catch arms to body a little further down.

Santa's sack

Using camel cast on 10 sts and g-st 31 rows. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. With this seam at one side, oversew across one set of row ends for base of sack. Turn right side out. Use a length of red yarn to gather round sack 2 knitted sts away from the open set of row ends. Stuff sack lightly. Pull up ends of red yarn tightly and tie in a bow. Sew top of sack to Santa's hand.

Holly

For the leaves use light green and cast on 1 st. K 14 rows, then fasten off.

Bring the ends of the strip to the centre and sew to centre, to form two loops. Catch inner edges of each loop together. Use red to work three berries at centre of the leaves, two small

stitches for each berry. Sew holly to Santa's hat as illustrated.

PENGUIN AND SLEDGE

Measurements: Penguin with cap is 9cm [$3\frac{1}{2}$ in] high and measures 11cm [$4\frac{1}{4}$ in] around body before adding chest piece. Sledge is 8cm [3in] in length.

Eyes required: Two 5mm.

Body and head

Using black cast on 18 sts and g-st 27 rows. Cast off.

Cut two 3cm [$1\frac{1}{4}$ in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Make up using **METHOD 2**. To shape the neck, tie a length of black yarn tightly around the body, 4cm [$1\frac{1}{2}$ in] up from the base. Sew yarn ends into neck.

Chest piece

Using white cast on 10 sts and g-st 13 rows. Cast off.

Sew or glue the piece to front of body, with row ends at neck and base.

Wings

[Make two]

Using black cast on 7 sts and g-st 11 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges of each wing together. Gather round one set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Place cast on/cast off edge seam at centre of remaining set of row ends, then oversew across these row ends. Sew these edges to sides of penguin, level with chest piece and just below neck.

Feet

[Make two]

Using yellow cast on 6 sts and g-st 2 rows. B & T tightly.

Sew the B & T sts and the row ends to base of penguin, leaving a 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] space between the feet.

Beak

Using orange cast on 4 sts and K 1 row. B & T tightly.

With right side outside, oversew the row ends together. Sew or glue to face, half way down. Glue on the eyes just above beak, with one g-st ridge between them.

Cap

Make as given for SNOW FAMILY BABY'S CAP, page 26, using red for cap and light green for bobble.





Sledge top piece

Using brown cast on 16 sts and g-st 24 rows. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together, then turn right side out.

Cut a 3cm by 7cm [$1\frac{1}{4}$ in by $2\frac{3}{4}$ in] strip of cardboard and snip off the sharp corners. Push this piece inside the knitted piece. Place seam at approximate centre of the knitted piece for underside of the sledge top piece. Oversew across each set of row ends.

Sledge runners

[Make two]

Using grey cast on 18 sts and g-st 5 rows. Cast off.

Cut an 8cm [3in] length off a 3mm [$\frac{1}{8}$ in] diameter plastic drinking straw. Place the straw on wrong side of the knitted piece, then oversew cast on and cast off edges together, enclosing the straw as you go. Gather each set of row ends up tightly and fasten off. Glue the oversewn seams of runners under long edges of sledge top, with one gathered end of each runner level with sledge. The other ends will extend slightly beyond sledge, for front edges.

At front of sledge sew a length of fawn yarn into one side, pass it through underside of penguin's wing. Leave a length as shown in the illustration, before fastening off yarn at other side of sledge.

THE SNOW FAMILY

Measurements: All without hats, Mum and Dad 11cm [$4\frac{1}{4}$ in] in height; Baby 7cm [$2\frac{3}{4}$ in] in height. **Measurements around:** Mum and Dad 18cm [7in], Baby 12cm [$4\frac{3}{4}$ in].

Eyes required: Two 5mm and four 7mm.

Body and head

Using white cast on 26 sts for Mum and Dad, 16 sts for Baby. G-st 43 rows for Mum and Dad, 29 rows for Baby. Cast off.

Cut two 5cm [2in] diameter circles of cardboard each for Mum and Dad and two 3cm [$1\frac{1}{4}$ in] diameter circles for Baby.

Glue them together in pairs. Make up using **METHOD 2**.

To shape the necks, tie a length of white yarn tightly around Mum and Dad 6cm [$2\frac{1}{2}$ in] above the base, 3.5cm [$1\frac{3}{8}$ in] above the base for Baby. Sew yarn ends into neck. Glue the eyes in place half way down the face, with one g-st ridge between them, noting that the 5mm eyes are for Baby.

Arms

[Make two for each character]

Using white cast on 10 sts for Mum and Dad, 6 sts for Baby. G-st 11 rows for Mum and Dad, 7 rows for Baby. Cast off.

With right side outside make up using **METHOD 1**. Sew arms to sides of body, just below neck.

Mum's bonnet

Using red cast on 10 sts and g-st 47 rows. Cast off.

Bring cast on and cast off edges together and oversew row ends together at one side for centre back seam. Turn right side out and put bonnet on head. Using a length of red yarn and a needle, pass it through lower corners of bonnet at neck edge. Pull tightly and knot ends of yarn, then tie in a bow. Knot and trim yarn ends to length.

Dad's and Baby's caps

Using light green cast on 30 sts for Dad. Using gold cast on 22 sts for Baby. G-st 24 rows for Dad, 12 rows for Baby.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out.

For the cap bobble use red for Dad and green for Baby. Cast on 4 sts and g-st 11 rows. Cast off.

With right side outside make up using **METHOD 1**. Sew bobbles to tops of caps. Place caps on heads.

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CHRISTMAS TREE BAUBLES

Measurements: Round baubles measure 13cm [5in] around.

Long baubles measure 14cm [5½in] around and are 6.5cm [2½in] long.

Long baubles

Use two contrasting colours of your choice.

Using first colour cast on 16 sts and g-st 2 rows. Join on second colour and g-st 2 rows.

Continue working in two-row colour stripes until there are 8 stripes altogether in the first colour. Break off first colour.

Using second colour K 1 row, then cast off.

Make up using **METHOD 1**. Sew a length of yarn to one gathered end for hanging on the tree.

Round baubles

Make as given for LONG BAUBLES, casting on 10 sts instead of 16 sts.



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