

Jean Greenhowe's Knitted Animals

Irresistible soft toy designs



DOUBLE KNITTING YARN

Notes

Appealing, amusing, soft and cuddly, these lovable toys can be enjoyed by everyone.

All the designs are easy to knit from oddments of yarn, using simple stitches and shapings, without complicated gussets or awkward pieces.

Happy knitting!

Jean

General materials required

Double knitting yarn [USA, knitting worsted weight: **Australia**, 8 ply] in colours stated in the instructions, or colours of your choice. Only small oddments are required for all the designs.

Good quality washable stuffing, only small amounts required.

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

A pair of compasses for drawing circles.

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

Knitting needles required

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

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

Abbreviations

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

Special abbreviations

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

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

m1 = make 1 stitch, by picking up the horizontal strand of yarn lying between the stitch you have just knitted and the next st on left hand needle. Place the strand on left hand needle and knit into the back of it.

yrn = yarn round needle as follows. Take strand of yarn under and over tip of right hand needle, then continue as given in instructions.

USA glossary

Cast off — bind off

Tension — gauge

Instructions in round brackets

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

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

Tension

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

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

Casting on

The thumb method is recommended.

Casting off

Always cast off K wise unless otherwise stated.

Working in st-st

Always begin with a K row unless otherwise stated.

Increasing and decreasing

When working increases, always *knit* into front and back of the st, even on a P row.

When working decreases, K2tog on the K rows and P2tog on the P rows.

Working in stripes

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

Making up

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

Working embroidered stitches

To work any embroidered stitches on a toy it is sometimes necessary to start and fasten off the yarn ends invisibly. If this is required, proceed as follows.

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

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

Making the knot eyes

I have devised an easy method of making the eyes on a toy using a knot tied at the centre of a length of black yarn. Most of the animals have knot eyes, although embroidered chain stitches are used occasionally.

First of all start at centre of the face and mark the eye positions with pins as described for each toy. For each eye cut a 20cm [8in] length of black yarn [or two strands the same length, if this is specified]. The knot will be tied at centre of the length.

Now make a loose single knot as shown in Diagram A. The instructions will specify how many times to wind round the yarn before pulling the knot tight. As an example, the dotted line in Diagram A shows the yarn being wound round twice more — making a total of *three times* wound round.

Now pull the ends of yarn to tighten the knot, thus making a small oval-shaped eye as shown in Diagram B.

Thread one end of yarn into a darning needle. Pass the darning needle through one marked eye position to come out of the toy at the opening at back of head, or other position as stated in the instructions. Pass the other yarn end through the next knitted row directly above or below the first position, as stated in the individual instructions. Pull yarn ends until knot touches the face. Knot ends of yarn securely and trim off excess length. Repeat with the other eye.

Twisted cords

To make a cord from a single length of yarn [single twisted cord], cut a strand of yarn four times as long as the measurement required. Knot one end round a door knob or hook and knot a loop in the other end to fit round the index finger of your right hand. Now keeping the yarn taut, twist your finger round and round in a clockwise direction, steadying the yarn by holding your left hand cupped around it close to your right hand. Keep twisting until when relaxed, the strand of yarn begins to curl tightly back on itself. Fold cord at centre, bringing ends together. Allow yarn to twist tightly, knot ends and trim to length.

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

Toy safety guidelines

A certain amount of common sense should always be used regarding the safety factor in children's toys.

It is important to ensure that the toy you are making is appropriate for the age group of the child for which it is intended. For example, children under 3 years of age should not be given toys which have separate tiny parts, or any small attached pieces which might be pulled off.

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

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

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

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

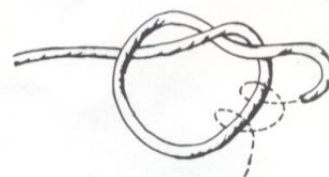


Diagram A



Diagram B

The Duck Family

Mother and father ducks measure 13cm [5in] in height, excluding the hats. The ducklings are 9.5cm [3¾in] high. Baby duckling measures 6cm [2½in], including the egg shell pieces.

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

Basic duckling or duck

Note: For the duckling, use *single* yarn and 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

For the duck use *double* yarn and 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.

Body and head

Begin at lower edge of body and using yellow for duckling, white for duck, cast on 16 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 32 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 11 rows.

Shape body

Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows — 20 sts.

Inc for head

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 30 sts. St-st 13 rows.

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

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

Join row ends, leaving a gap in head seam. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. Pull up length of yarn tightly at top of head, then fasten off.

To shape the neck, use a length of matching yarn to gather round the knitted row just below the head inc row. Pull up the gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn. Sew yarn ends into neck.

Mark the eye positions, eight knitted rows above head inc row, leaving two clear knitted sts between them.

Use single lengths of black yarn for the eyes. Make eye knots, winding yarn round three times for ducklings, five times for ducks. Pass one yarn end of one eye through one marked position, to come out at opening in head seam. Pass other yarn end through just above first position. Knot yarn ends tightly and trim off ends. Repeat with other eye. Add a little more stuffing, then close gap in seam.

Beak

Using orange for duckling, yellow for duck, cast on 5 sts. St-st 2 rows.

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next row — 3 sts.

St-st 4 more rows. Cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, bring cast on edge to cast off edge. Oversew row ends together at each side. Push a little stuffing in beak.

Sew the open cast on and cast off edges to face below the eyes, with the cast off edge underneath the beak.



Feet [make two alike]

Use orange for duckling, yellow for duck and cast on 3 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 6 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: (K2tog, yrn) twice, K2tog — 5 sts. Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows. Cast off.

Sew up as for the beak, but do not stuff. Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Sew these edges of feet to base of body as shown in the illustration, with cast on edges of feet against the body.

Wings [make two alike]

Use yellow for duckling and white for duck. Begin at top edge and cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

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

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of every row until 4 sts remain. B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together, then across cast on sts. Sew cast on edges to sides of body just below neck, with the folded edges of wings facing towards the front.

Duckling's cap

Note: Use *single* yarn and 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Begin at lower edge and using green or pink cast on 36 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Join on white and beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Using green or pink st-st 2 rows. Continue working in two-row stripes and st-st 6 more rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 24 sts. P 1 row. Break off green or pink and continue in white.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

G-st 6 rows, for the cap bobble. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends of cap bobble together. Join row ends of the cap. Turn right side out. Stuff bobble, then gather round just below first g-st row. Pull up gathers tightly and fasten off. Sew cap to the duckling's head, just above the g-st rows at lower edge of cap.

Mother's bonnet

Note: Use *single* yarn and 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Begin with the bonnet brim and using blue cast on 39 sts.

1st row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 52 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 6 rows.

Work picot edge of bonnet brim

Next row: K2tog, (yrn, K2tog) to end — 51 sts. Beginning with a K row, st-st 6 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2tog, K2) 12 times, K1 — 39 sts. This completes the bonnet brim.

Work bonnet back section

Beginning with a K row st-st 14 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Next row: K11, (K2tog) 8 times, K12 — 31 sts. G-st 3 rows.

Next row: K11, (K2tog) 4 times, K12 — 27 sts. Cast off.

Fold bonnet brim at the picot edge, with right side of st-st outside. Catch the cast on edge of brim to the first knitted row of bonnet back section. Oversew row ends of the brim together at each side.

Fold cast off edge of bonnet in half and oversew along cast off sts. Make two 12cm [4¾in] single twisted blue cords. Sew folded ends of cords to bonnet brim at cast on edge. Tie cords in a bow under mother's chin. Sew through bow to secure.

Father's hat

Note: Use 3mm [No11, USA 2] knitting needles. Use yarn as stated in the instructions which follow.

Begin at outer edge of brim and using *double* tweedy mixture yarn cast on 60 sts. Break off one strand and continue in *single* yarn. When working next row, treat the two strands of yarn on each st as *one* st.

G-st 6 rows.

Dec for hat top

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 40 sts. Beginning with a K row, st-st 14 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 20 sts. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together, noting that P side of the hat top is the *right* side of hat. Oversew across cast off sts. Turn right side out and put a little stuffing inside the hat top. Sew hat to father's head through the first hat top dec row.

Baby duckling

Note: Use *single* yarn and 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Egg shell [lower piece]

Using white cast on 13 sts.

1st row: K1, inc K wise into remaining 12 sts — 25 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 10 rows. This completes the inner lining portion of the piece.

Next row: K1, (yrn, K2tog) to end. Beginning with a K row, st-st 12 rows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 17 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 9 sts. B & T tightly, for lower end of the shell.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out.

Tuck the lining portion inside the shell.

Duckling

Begin at lower end and using yellow cast on 11 sts.

1st row: K1, inc K wise into remaining 10 sts — 21 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 15 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 14 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts. B & T tightly, for top of head.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff firmly, then leave cast on edge open. Work a chain stitch in black for each eye, thirteen knitted rows above cast on edge, leaving two clear knitted sts between the eyes.

Make beak as for the duckling.

Sew to face below the eyes. Push baby inside

the egg shell, sew shell to duckling.

Egg shell [top piece]

Using white cast on 9 sts.

1st row: K1, inc K wise into remaining 8 sts — 17 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows. This completes the inner lining portion of the piece.

Next row: K1, (yrn, K2tog) to end. Beginning with a K row, st-st 6 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2tog, K1) to end — 12 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts. B & T tightly, for top end of the shell.

Make up as for the other egg shell piece. Sew to top of baby's head as illustrated.

Puppy

The puppy measures 17cm [6¾in] from front paws to end of the tail. The head is attached so that it can be turned from side to side.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; stuffing; cardboard for the base of the bowl.

Front legs and body

Begin at end of one front leg and using fawn cast on 12 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Shape foot

Next row: (K3, K2tog) 4 times, K4 — 20 sts ★. Continue in st-st and work 11 rows ★★. Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.

Work second leg in same way as far as ★★. Mark each end of next row with a short length of red yarn.

With right side of work facing, K across the second set of leg sts on the knitting needle, then across the leg sts on spare needle — 40 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Shape body

Next row: (K4, inc in next st) to end — 48 sts. St-st 3 rows, marking centre of the 3rd row with a short length of black yarn. Continue in st-st and work 20 more rows.

Shape back of body

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 36 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 24 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts. B & T loosely.

Join row ends, starting at the row ends marked with red yarn and ending at the B & T edge. Join row ends of each leg from the marked row ends to cast on edge. Oversew across cast on sts of each leg. Turn right side out. Stuff legs, then body. Pull up the length of yarn tightly, then fasten off.

Use black yarn to work three long stitches around end of each leg as illustrated. Catch each stitch to the cast on edge at front of foot to hold in place.

Head

Begin at top edge and using fawn cast on 18 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 36 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 13 rows.

Mark the last row with short lengths of black yarn, two knitted sts within each end of the row.

Continue in st-st and work 12 rows.

Shape lower end

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 24 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts. B & T tightly.

Join row ends for centre back seam, leaving a gap at centre of seam. With this seam at centre of the piece, oversew across cast on sts to close. Turn right side out and stuff, but do not close gap in seam.

Mark eye positions, half way up the face, leaving four clear knitted sts between them. Using double lengths of black yarn, make knots for eyes, winding yarn round four times. Pass one pair of yarn ends of one eye through one marked position to come out at opening in head seam. Pass other ends through just above first position. Knot yarn ends very tightly and trim off ends. Repeat with other eye. Add a little more stuffing, then close gap in seam.

For nose, work a small triangular shape in black yarn, starting six knitted rows above B & T sts. For mouth, use black and work a short stitch down from nose with a shallow V-shape at base of the stitch.

Collar

Using colour required cast on 13 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 26 sts. P 1 row.



Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 39 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: K. Now beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows.

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

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 26 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 13 sts. P 1 row. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together. Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew through the gathered centres of collar then back again. Pull tightly to flatten, then fasten off.

To assemble collar, body and head

Use a double length of fawn yarn threaded in a darning needle. Pass needle through from seam under centre of body to come out at the length of black yarn on body. Leave tail-ends of yarn protruding underneath body.

Now take needle through centre of collar. Pass needle through four knitted sts at the back of head, at position of lengths of black yarn. Pass needle back through centre of collar, then through body again.

Knot the yarn ends *very tightly*, so that all the pieces are securely held together. Sew tail-ends of yarn into body.

If the puppy is intended for a young child, sew the collar to the body and also to the head.

Back legs [make two alike]

Work as for front leg as far as ★. P 1 row.

Shape leg

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next and every following row until 2 sts remain.

Next row: P2tog, then fasten off.

Join row ends from cast on edge as far as the leg shaping. Oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff lightly.

Place puppy on a flat surface. Pin open edges of legs to sides of body, with fastened-off ends level with back of body and legs resting on the flat surface. Sew in place. Work black stitches on each leg to match front legs.

Bring leg seams close to body and catch in place.

Tail

Begin at end of tail and using fawn cast on 4 sts.

Work in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of first and every following alternate row until there are 16 sts.

P 1 row.

Shape tail

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next and every following row until 2 sts remain. Fasten off the 2 sts.

Oversew row ends together from cast on edge as far as the tail shaping. Oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff.

Sew remaining open portion of tail to back of puppy, with the fastened-off sts underneath body.

Ears [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using fawn cast on 14 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 28 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at beginning of next 14 rows — 14 sts.

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

Oversew row ends together. Turn right side out. With oversewn seam at one side of the piece, oversew across cast off sts, then cast on sts. Sew cast off edges of ears to head, just in front of ends of top head seam, with ear seams facing towards back of puppy.

Bowl

Base [make two pieces alike]

Using colour required cast on 28 sts. St-st 4 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends of each piece together.

Cut a 4cm [1½in] diameter circle of cardboard. Oversew the cast on edges of base pieces together, enclosing the cardboard circle as you go.

Side piece

Using yarn to match base, cast on 38 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Next row: K.

Next row: P. Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows. Cast off.

Using contrast yarn, work puppy's name on the side piece in back-stitches. Oversew through the back-stitches on each letter.

Oversew row ends of the side piece together. Oversew cast off and cast on edges together with right side of st-st outside. Sew this edge round outer edge of the base.

Bone

Begin at one end and using cream, cast on 8 sts.

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

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 11 sts. Continue in st-st and work 7 rows.

Next row: K1, (inc in next st, K1) to end — 16 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts. Cast off.

Join row ends, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff. Oversew across cast off sts. Use cream yarn to work a large oversewing stitch round each end of bone. Pull very tightly, then fasten off.



Koala, Piglet, Bunny and Panda

Four simple animals based on one pattern. Each one measures 17cm [6¾in] from top to toe, excluding the ears.

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

Basic toy

Legs

Begin at lower edge of one leg and using colour required cast on 10 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 13 rows. Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.

Work second leg in same way, but do not break off yarn for Koala, Piglet and Bunny. Break off yarn for Panda and join on white.

Body and head

Mark each end of next row with a coloured thread. With right side of work facing and using colour required, K across the 20 sts on knitting needle, then across the 20 sts on the spare needle — 40 sts. St-st 11 rows.

Continuing with same colour *throughout*, work as given for Puss in Boots from ★★ to ★★★, [see Body and head, page 14].

To make up

Join row ends from top of head as far as the coloured threads, leaving a gap in seam at head section.

Join row ends of each leg from coloured threads to cast on edges. Gather round the cast on leg sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Turn right side out. Stuff legs, body and head. Do not close gap in head seam.

To shape neck, use a double strand of yarn to match the toy and gather round body, two knitted rows below the head inc row. Pull up gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn. Sew yarn ends into neck.

Arms [make two alike]

Using colour required, begin at top of arm and cast on 16 sts loosely. St-st 14 rows.

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

Join row ends, turn right side out and stuff. Sew open cast on edges of arms to sides of body, just below neck. When the toy is completed make a 32cm [12½in] double twisted cord in a bright colour. Tie in a bow round the neck. Sew bow to the neck.

Koala

Make basic toy using beige throughout.

Eyes

Make eyes as for Puss in Boots [see Face, page 14].

When sewing eyes into head, pass the second pair of yarn ends through head just *below* the marked position. Add a little more stuffing, then close gap in head seam.

Nose

Begin at lower edge and using black cast on 3 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 6 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 3 sts. Cast off.

Sew nose to centre of face, with cast off edge level with lower edges of the eyes.

Ears [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using beige cast on 5 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 10 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 15 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) 7 times, inc in last st — 23 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Break off beige and join on white.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K1, (yarn, K2tog) to end. Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) 7 times, K2tog — 15 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 10 sts. P 1 row.

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

Gather up cast on sts tightly and fasten off. With right side of st-st outside, oversew the white row ends to the beige row ends at each side of the ear piece. Sew this edge to sides of head as illustrated.

Tummy piece

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 10 sts.

Work in st-st and inc 1 st at beginning of every row until there are 14 sts.

St-st 10 rows.

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 10 sts. Cast off P wise.

Sew to front of Koala, with cast off edge level with neck.

Piglet

Make basic toy using pink throughout.

Eyes

As for the Koala.

Nose

Using pink cast on 5 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 10 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts.

Break off yarn and thread it through the 5 sts, then gather all round the other edges of the knitted piece. Pull up gathers enclosing a little stuffing. Fasten off. Use black yarn to work two small vertical stitches for nostrils. Sew nose to face just below the eyes.

Ears [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using pink cast on 12 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows — 20 sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows — 8 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts.

B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside fold ears in half and oversew row ends of each ear together. Oversew across cast on sts. Sew cast on edges of ears to sides of head, with folded edges of ears facing towards top of head.

Tail

Make a 7cm [2¾in] twisted cord using four strands of pink yarn. Do not knot the ends together after folding the cord, tie round a strand of yarn to prevent the tail unravelling.

Now sew all the yarn ends into back of body at lower end, sewing the tail to body at the same time. Curl the tail round and catch it to the body.

Bunny

Make basic toy using fawn throughout.

Eyes

As for the Koala.

Nose and mouth

Work a few small horizontal black stitches for nose just below eyes. Work an inverted Y-shape below nose for mouth.

Ears [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using fawn cast on 10 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 17 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly.

Join row ends of each ear, then turn right side out. With this seam at one side of ear, oversew across cast on sts. Sew cast on edges of ears to top of head, with ear seams facing towards each other.

Tail

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 7 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 14 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at beginning of next 6 rows — 8 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 4 sts.

Break off yarn and thread it through the 4 sts, then gather all round the other edges of the knitted piece. Pull up gathers and stuff tail, noting that P side of st-st is the *right* side. Fasten off. Sew to back of body at lower end.

Panda

Make basic toy using black for legs, white for body and head. Use black for the arms.

Eye pieces [make two alike]

Using black cast on 4 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 8 sts.



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

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts. B & T tightly.

Sew these pieces to face with the B & T edges about 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] apart and level with the marked centre of face. The pieces should also slope downwards as shown in the illustration.

On each eye piece work a small chain stitch using white yarn, as shown in the illustration. Work a small white horizontal stitch above each eye.

Nose and mouth

Use black yarn to work a few short horizontal stitches between the eyes for nose. Work a black stitch straight down from nose, with a shallow W-shape at the base of this stitch.

Ears [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using black cast on 8 sts.

Work in st-st throughout.

Inc 1 st at beginning of first 2 rows — 10 sts. St-st 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next 6 rows — 4 sts. Inc 1 st at beginning of next 6 rows — 10 sts. St-st 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next 2 rows — 8 sts. Cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew row ends together at each side. Sew the cast on, cast off edges to sides of head.



Elephants

Four little elephants made from the same basic pattern, each one with a different outfit. The height from top to toe is 15cm [6in], excluding the hats.

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

Basic elephant

Body

Begin at lower edge and using colour required for pants cast on 68 sts, marking centre of cast on edge.

1st row: (K2tog) to end — 34 sts.

G-st 3 rows, for the leg portion of body.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 10 rows.

Break off pants colour and join on colour required for upper body. St-st 6 rows. [If working in stripes, work two rows of each colour alternately].

Shape body

If applicable, continue in stripes.

Next row: K7, (K2tog) twice, K12, (K2tog) twice, K7 — 30 sts. St-st 3 rows.

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

Cast off loosely, for neck edge.

Join row ends, forming centre back seam. Turn right side out. Catch the marked centre of cast on edge to centre back seam. Now continue sewing back and forth through the body at the g-st rows only, to form the legs. Lay body aside.

Feet [make two alike]

Using grey, cast on 6 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: P. This row marks the position where the foot will be sewn to lower edge of body.

Now beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T loosely. This end will be the sole of the foot.

Gather up cast on sts tightly and fasten off. Oversew row ends together. Turn right side out. Stuff lightly, then pull up length of yarn tightly and fasten off. Use this length of yarn to sew through both sets of gathered sts at centre of foot, then back again. Pull yarn tightly to flatten foot, then fasten off.

To attach the feet

First put some stuffing inside leg edges of body. Insert feet into cast on leg edges, making sure that soles of feet are outermost. Sew cast on edge of body to the feet, just below the P row on the feet. Now stuff body, then leave cast off neck edge open.

Head

Begin at end of trunk and using grey cast on 5 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 10 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 8 rows and inc 1 st at each end of the 8th row — 12 sts.

St-st 9 more rows.

Shape head

Next row: K1, (m1, K1) to end — 23 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K5, (m1, K1) 13 times, K5 — 36 sts.

St-st 19 rows, marking centre of first of these rows with a coloured thread, as a guide to positioning the eyes later on.

Shape back of head

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

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

B & T loosely.

Gather up cast on sts tightly, then join row ends, forming the underhead seam. Turn right side out. Stuff trunk. Stuff head firmly to a rounded shape measuring 20cm [8in] around at centre, following direction of knitted rows. Do not pull up the length of yarn at back of head.

Mark eye positions on the row with the marked centre, leaving six clear knitted sts between them. Using single lengths of black yarn, make knots for eyes, winding yarn round six times. Pass one yarn end through one marked position to come out at open back of head.

Pass other yarn end through just below first position. Knot yarn ends tightly and trim off ends. Repeat with other eye.

Add a little more stuffing, then pull up length of grey yarn tightly and fasten off.

To attach head to body

Place head on open neck edge of body, with back of head at centre back and underhead seam resting on neck edge of body. Sew neck edge of body to head.

Ears [make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using grey, cast on 10 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Now continue in st-st and dec 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until 12 sts remain.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts. B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends of each ear together. Oversew across cast on sts. Sew the folded edges of ears to sides of head.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at top of sleeve and using same colour as used for the upper body, cast on 14 sts loosely.

St-st 8 rows. [If working in stripes, work two rows of each colour alternately].

Break off yarn and join on grey for hand. St-st 6 rows.

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

Join row ends of each arm. Turn right side out and stuff. Sew open top edges of arms to sides of body, placing them 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] below neck and a little closer to front of body than back.

Boy elephant

Use orange for pants. Work upper body and sleeves in purple and yellow stripes.

Girl elephant

Use white for pants. Work upper body and sleeves in pink. Make a 16cm [$6\frac{1}{4}$ in] double twisted pink cord. Tie in a bow and sew to head as illustrated.

Skirt

Begin at lower edge and using pink cast on 78 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Join on white. Beginning with a K row, st-st 10 rows working in two-row stripes of white and pink alternately.

Shape waist

Continue in pink.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 39 sts. Cast off. Join row ends and turn right side out. Sew cast off edge to body, level with underarms.

Sailor elephant

Use royal blue for pants, upper body and sleeves.

Sailor collar

Bib

Begin at lower edge and using light blue cast on 2 sts.

St-st 7 rows and inc 1 st at beginning of every row — 9 sts.

Cast off.

Sew bib to body at front, placing cast off edge level with neck.

Collar

Using white, begin at lower back edge and cast on 16 sts.

G-st 8 rows.

Continue in g-st and inc 1 st at each end of next and every following row until there are 40 sts.

Cast off.

Place collar round neck and catch ends of cast off edge to lower edge of bib at front.

Make a 14cm [$5\frac{1}{2}$ in] double twisted red cord. Tie in a bow and sew to points of collar at front.

Sailor hat

Begin at lower edge and using *double* black yarn cast on 36 sts.

Break off one strand and continue in single yarn.

When working the next row, treat the two strands of yarn on each st as *one* st.

G-st 3 rows.

Break off black and join on white.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 54 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 45 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

5th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

7th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

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

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Make a small red pom-pom and sew to centre top of hat. Insert a little stuffing, spreading it out evenly. Sew cast on edge of hat to head as illustrated. Catch top of hat to head underneath the pom-pom.

Bedtime elephant

Use red for pants, upper body and sleeves.

Neck edging strip

Using white cast on 60 sts. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together at centre back of neck.

Sew the strip round neck and down front of body as illustrated. Use red yarn to work small stitches for buttons, down centre front of the edging.

Nightcap

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 46 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Break off white and join on red.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and dec 1 st at beginning of every row until 4 sts remain. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Make a tassel from white yarn and sew to end of cap. Sew lower edge of cap to head, with cap seam at centre back.



Penguin

The penguin measures 18cm [7in] to the bobble on the top of his cap.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; stuffing; a 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in] diameter plastic drinking straw with a 'bendy' section, for the lantern.

Body and head

Begin at lower edge of body and using black cast on 16 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 32 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 48 sts.

P 1 row.

Shape tail

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st. Inc in the first and last 2 sts on next 4 rows — 64 sts.

St-st 6 rows.

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 8 rows — 48 sts.

This completes the tail shaping.

St-st 12 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 32 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 48 sts.

St-st 19 rows.

Shape top of head

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

P 1 row.

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

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

B & T tightly.

Join row ends, leaving a gap in seam near to top of head. Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff, taking care to push stuffing well into the tail. Close gap in seam.

Chest and face piece

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 12 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 31 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 18 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 9 rows.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next 6 rows — 12 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

Cast off.

Pin the neck shaping rows to neck shaping rows on penguin at centre front. Pin cast on edge to lower edge of penguin and cast off edge to head. Sew all the edges in place.

Feet [make two alike]

Using yellow begin at one side edge of foot and cast on 16 sts. Work in g-st throughout.

★ Work 1 row, then dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows — 10 sts.

Work 1 row, then inc 1 st at each end of next 3 rows — 16 sts ★★.

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Repeat from ★ to ★★.

Work 1 row, then cast off.

Fold the foot in half, then oversew the shaped row ends together. Oversew across cast on sts, then across cast off sts.

Pin the folded edges of feet to the cast on edge of the white chest piece, so that the feet touch each other at centre front and also point away from each other. Check that the feet are in the correct position to make the penguin stand upright. Sew folded edges of feet in place.

Eyes

Mark the positions of the eyes on the white face piece, nine knitted rows above the inc row and leaving four clear knitted sts between them.

Using single lengths of black yarn, make knots for eyes, winding yarn round five times. Pass one yarn end of one eye through one marked position to come out at top of head. Pass other yarn end through face just above first position. Knot ends of yarn tightly and sew them into head. Repeat with the other eye.

Beak

Using orange cast on 10 sts.

P 1 row.

Beginning with a K row, work in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows — 4 sts.

B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Stuff beak. Sew the open cast on edge to face below eyes, with the oversewn seam underneath the beak.

Wings [make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using black cast on 10 sts.

St-st 18 rows.

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows — 4 sts.

P 1 row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 8 sts.

Break off black and join on white.

St-st 16 rows. Cast off.

Bring cast on and cast off edges together.

Oversew row ends together at each side. Turn right side out. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Pin these edges of wings to body, level with sides of the chest piece starting two knitted rows below the neck dec row. Make sure that white portion of each wing faces inwards. Sew wings in place.

Cap

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 64 sts.

G-st 6 rows.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st.

Join on green and st-st 2 rows. Using red, st-st 2 rows.

Continue working in two-row stripes of green and red alternately.

St-st 8 more rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 56 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 48 sts.

5th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

7th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 32 sts.

9th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

11th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts.

P 1 row, then break off red and continue in green.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.



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

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

Oversew row ends of cap bobble together, then join row ends of cap. Turn right side out. Stuff cap bobble, then gather round lower end of bobble, pull up tightly and fasten off. Place cap on penguin's head, then sew to head just above the g-st rows.

Scarf

Using red cast on 5 sts. Work in g-st until scarf measures 36cm [14¼in]. Cast off. Add green fringe to ends of scarf. Tie scarf around penguin's neck.

Lantern

The pole

Trim 3cm [1¼in] off the end of the straw nearest to the bendy section.

To cover the straw, use tan yarn and cast on 5 sts. Work in st-st until the knitted strip is same length as the straw. B & T tightly. Starting at

this end and with P side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together, enclosing the straw as you go. Gather up cast on sts tightly and fasten off. Bend over the straw at bendy section, then bend up the end of straw to form the hooked end.

The lantern

Begin at base of lantern and using black cast on 11 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 22 sts.

Next row: P.

Next row: P.

Next row: K.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st, joining on and breaking different colours of yarn as required.

Join on yellow and st-st 3 rows.

Using black, P 2 rows.

Beginning with a P row and using yellow, st-st 3 rows.

Continue in black.

Join on another strand of black and g-st 2 rows, using *double* yarn. Break off one

strand of black and continue in single black yarn. When working next row, treat the two strands of yarn on each st as *one* st. Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Shape top

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K2) 5 times, K1 — 17 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) 5 times, K1 — 12 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) 5 times, K1 — 7 sts. B & T tightly.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff, but take care not to distort the shape. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off, but do not break yarn. Pass needle up through lantern to top. Pull up tightly to flatten base then fasten off. To work the vertical bars on the lantern use black yarn. Work vertical stitches on the two yellow stripes, leaving four clear knitted sts between each bar. Work a second time over each stitch to thicken the bars.

Sew top of lantern to the hook on the pole, with a loop of black yarn.

Curl end of penguin's wing around the pole and sew in place.

Whales

Mother and baby whales are knitted from the same basic pattern. Mother whale is 16cm [6¼in] in length, baby is 12cm [4¾in] long.

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

Note: Use single yarn and 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles for the baby whale. Use double yarn and 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles for mother whale.

Both are worked in exactly the same way.

Body

Begin at tail-end of body and using blue cast on 12 sts.

St-st 10 rows.

Next row: K3, (m1, K3) to end — 15 sts. Continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Next row: K3, (m1, K3) to end — 19 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Inc for head

Next row: K3, (m1, K1) 13 times, K3 — 32 sts. St-st 10 rows. On the last of these rows, mark the 8th st from each end of the row with a coloured thread, on right side of st-st. These threads mark the positions of the eyes. St-st 3 more rows.

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

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts. P 1 row.

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

Join row ends leaving a gap in seam. This seam will run underneath the body. Turn right side out and stuff. Close gap in seam, but leave cast on edge open.

Use a single strand of black yarn to work the eyes. At the position of each coloured thread work a chain stitch for the eye across the marked knitted st. Work another chain stitch on top of the first stitch to make the eye larger.

For the mouth, use black yarn and work a long

stitch around front of head with the ends of the stitch below the eyes. Catch this stitch to the body seam.

Tail

Begin at base of tail and using blue cast on 8 sts.

P 1 row.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next 10 rows — 18 sts.

Next row: K5, (K2tog) 4 times, K5 — 14 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K5, inc in next 4 sts, K5 — 18 sts.

Now dec 1 st at beginning of every following row until 8 sts remain. Cast off.

Fold tail, bringing cast off edge to cast on edge and with right side of st-st outside. Oversew row ends together at each side. Push a little stuffing inside each pointed end of tail.

Push the cast on end of body right inside the tail, so that it touches folded end of tail. Sew the cast on and cast off edges of the tail to body.

Fins [make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using blue cast on 8 sts. P 1 row.

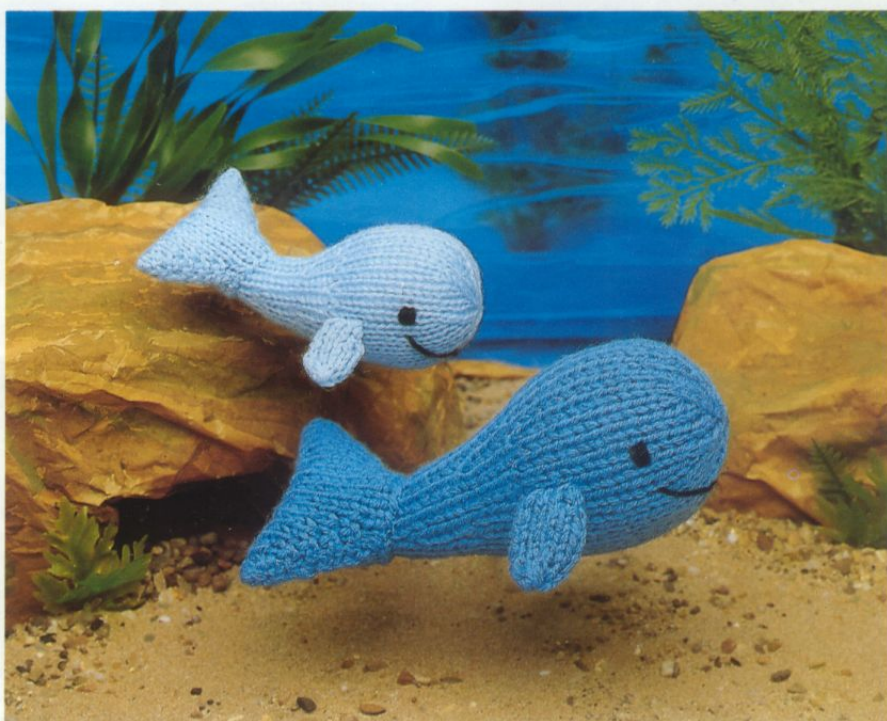
Next row: K3, inc in next 2 sts, K3 — 10 sts.

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

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

With right side of st-st outside fold fin in half. Oversew row ends together, then across cast on sts.

Pin cast on edges of fins to sides of head beginning at head inc row and placing them level with lower ends of eyes. Make sure that folded edges of fins are facing towards the eyes. Sew cast on edges of fins to body.





Spring



Summer

Mice

Older children and adults will enjoy this collection of miniature ornamental mice representing the four seasons. *Spring cleaning*, *Summer bride*, *Autumn harvest* and *Winter shopping*, each mouse measures about 12cm [4¾in] in height.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; stuffing; cardboard for the bases; glue, suitable for sticking paper; a red colouring pencil.

Basic mouse

Skirt

Begin at lower edge and using colour required cast on 28 sts.

1st row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 42 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 19 rows, [if making a striped skirt, st-st 1 row, join on second colour and st-st 18 rows in two-row stripes].

Shape skirt

If applicable, continue in stripes.

Next row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 35 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 28 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 21 sts. Cast off, for waist edge.

Join row ends and turn right side out. For the base, cut two 6cm [2¾in] diameter circles of cardboard and glue them together. Push the base inside cast on edge of the knitted skirt.

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

Now stuff the skirt, taking care to keep the

shape the same circumference as the cardboard base.

Bodice

Begin at lower edge and using colour required for bodice cast on 9 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 18 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: K, to mark waistline ★. Beginning with a K row, st-st 6 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts. Cast off, for neck edge.

Join row ends. Turn right side out and stuff. Make a small hollow at centre of the skirt stuffing. Place lower end of bodice inside skirt, matching seams of both pieces. Sew cast off edge of skirt to bodice, just above the waistline row on the bodice.

Head

Begin at nose-end and using fawn cast on 5 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 10 sts. P 1 row.

Continue in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of next and every following row until there are 26 sts.

Shape back of head

Next row: K5, K2tog, K12, K2tog, K5 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 8 sts. B & T tightly.

Join row ends and across cast on sts, leaving a gap at centre of the seam. This seam will run underneath the head. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. Do not close gap in seam.

Mark eye positions, six knitted rows above end of snout and leaving two clear knitted sts between them. Using single lengths of black yarn, make knots for eyes, winding yarn round four times. Pass one yarn end through marked position to opening in seam. Pass other end through, just above first position. Knot yarn

ends very tightly and trim off ends. Repeat with other eye. Add a little more stuffing, then oversew to close gap in seam.

Place head on neck edge of body and sew cast off edge of body to head.

Ears [make two alike]

Using fawn, cast on 10 sts and K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 5 sts. B & T tightly. Gather along both sets of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew ears to sides of head, except for the Autumn mouse.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at top of arm and using colour required for sleeve cast on 4 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 8 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 12 rows.

Next row: P2, (P2tog) twice, P2 — 6 sts. Break off yarn and join on fawn for hand. St-st 4 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 3 sts. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, leaving a gap in seam near to top of sleeve. Oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff. Oversew gap in seam.

For each sleeve cuff [make two], use colour required and cast on 10 sts. Cast off. Oversew row ends together, then sew round lower edge of sleeve.

Sew tops of arms to sides of bodice just below neck, with sleeve seams against bodice.

Spring

Make basic mouse, working the skirt in dark and light blue stripes. Use light yellow for bodice and sleeves and white for sleeve cuffs.

Cap

Using white, cast on 19 sts.

1st row: K1, (yfn, K2tog) to end. K 1 row.



Autumn



Winter

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 10 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together. Place on top of head between the ears. Catch to front and back of head.

Duster

Using yellow cast on 10 sts and st-st 11 rows. Cast off. Using red yarn, oversew all round the edges of duster. Sew duster to mouse's hand.

Apron

Using white, begin at lower edge and cast on 12 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 14 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Next row: K2, (K2tog, K1) twice, K2tog, K2 — 9 sts. Cast off.

For waistband make a 26cm [10¼in] single twisted white cord. Sew cast off edge of apron to centre of cord. Tie cord round waist in a bow at back. Catch apron to skirt.

Broom

Make a 12cm [4¾in] twisted cord from six strands of brown yarn.

Do not knot ends after folding the cord, but tie a strand of yarn tightly round, 7cm [2¾in] away from folded end of the cord. Trim other yarn ends for the bristles. Wind yarn very tightly round and round the twisted cord handle to stiffen it, then sew yarn end into handle. Sew handle to mouse's hand.

Summer

Make basic mouse using white for the skirt, bodice and sleeves. Make sleeve cuffs in light peach yarn. Work small stitches in light peach on bodice at front, for buttons.

Hem trimming

Using light peach, begin at lower edge and cast on 51 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: K1, (yrn, K2tog) to end. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out. Sew round lower edge of the skirt.

Veil

Using white, begin at lower edge and cast on 31 sts.

Work 6cm [2¼in] in st-st, ending with a P row.

Next row: K1, (drop next st off knitting needle, K1) to end — 16 sts remain.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 8 sts. B & T tightly.

Pull the knitted piece to ladder all the dropped sts down to cast on edge.

Dampen the piece, then pin it out on an ironing board, stretching it lengthways, then sideways. Leave to dry. Sew gathered end between mouse's ears.

For each rosebud [make three], use peach and cast on 6 sts. B & T tightly, then catch row ends together. Deepen colour at centre of each bud by pushing in red pencil point and twisting it round. Sew rosebuds to gathered top of veil.

Posy

Using white cast on 24 sts and g-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts. K 1 row.

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

Oversew row ends together. Make eight rosebuds as for veil. Sew one to centre of the circle and remainder round the centre. Sew in a few loops of green yarn for leaves. Sew posy to mouse's hand, then bend arm and catch hand to skirt. Catch other hand to skirt.

Autumn

Make basic skirt using green. Add hem trimming as for Summer mouse, using yellow. Use a length of green yarn to work running stitches in and out of the eyelet holes.

Bodice

Using black, work as for basic bodice as far as ★.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows. Break off black and join on white, then st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

Cast off, for neck edge. Make up etc as for basic bodice.

Make basic head and ears, but do not sew ears in place.

Make basic arms, using white for sleeves and sleeve cuffs.

Bodice details

Work two red cross-stitches on the black portion of bodice at front. Use double black yarn to work a long stitch over each shoulder, for shoulder straps.

Hat

Using yellow, cast on 36 sts and g-st 4 rows.

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

G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together.

Place hat on head as illustrated and catch gathered centre to gathered back of head. Now sew ears in place, taking stitches through hat and into head.

Apron

Using light blue, make as for Spring mouse but st-st 10 rows instead of 14 rows.

Wheatsheaf

Using straw-coloured yarn, wind it thirty times around four fingers. Cut through each end of this small hank of yarn so that you have single strands about 6cm [2¼in] in length.

Bind around centre with a strand of yarn. Hold on tightly to tied centre of the sheaf and tease out yarn ends with a comb. Tuck the sheaf under one of the mouse's arms and catch hand to skirt.

Safety note: The wheatsheaf strands are not sewn together and therefore could be pulled out.

Winter

Make basic mouse using red for the skirt, bodice and sleeves.

Make sleeve cuffs in white.

Hem trimming

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 50 sts.

G-st 2 rows. Break off white and join on green. K 1 row, then cast off.

Oversew row ends together then turn right side out. Sew round lower edge of the skirt.

Cape

Begin at lower edge and using green cast on 34 sts.

G-st 2 rows. Continue in st-st but K the first and last 2 sts on every following P row.

St-st 4 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2tog, K2) to end — 26 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 13 sts. Cast off. Place cape round neck and catch row ends of cast off edge together at front.

Make a tiny bow from a single twisted white cord and sew to front.

Muff

Using green begin at one end and cast on 12 sts.

G-st 2 rows. Break off green and join on white. G-st 12 rows. Break off white and join on green. G-st 2 rows. Cast off P wise.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out.

Make a 16cm [6¼in] single twisted white cord. Slip it through the muff then knot ends together. Slip the knot inside muff. Place cord over mouse's head. Sew one hand inside muff.

Hat

Work as for hem trimming but cast on 30 sts instead of 50 sts. Roll up the strip, starting at one set of row ends. Sew row ends in place, then sew through the rolled-up strip to hold in place. Sew hat to top of head.

Parcel

Using yellow cast on 6 sts and st-st 17 rows. Cast off. Fold up cast on edge, then cast off edge so that you have a triple thickness. Oversew all round edges of parcel. Tie blue yarn round and make a loop, then sew to mouse's hand.

Puss in Boots

This favourite nursery tale character stands 23cm [9in] high, in his splendid boots and feather-trimmed hat.

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

Legs, body and head

Right leg

Begin at lower edge of right boot and using black cast on 18 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 36 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 4 rows.

Break off black and join on tan for boot upper. St-st 5 rows ★.

Shape top of boot

Next row: K4, (K2tog) 10 times, K12 — 26 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K3, (K2tog) 6 times, K11 — 20 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Break off tan and join on green for pants.

St-st 6 rows.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.

Left leg

Work as for right leg as far as ★.

Shape top of boot

Next row: K12, (K2tog) 10 times, K4 — 26 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K11, (K2tog) 6 times, K3 — 20 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Break off tan and join on green for pants.

St-st 6 rows.

Body and head

Mark each end of next row with a coloured thread. With right side of work facing and using green, K across the 20 sts of left leg, then across the 20 sts of right leg on the spare needle — 40 sts.

Continue in st-st and work 9 rows.

Break off green and join on yellow for upper body.

St-st 6 rows.

★★ Shape upper body

Next row: K7, (K2tog) 4 times, K10, (K2tog) 4 times, K7 — 32 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Break off yellow and join on fawn for head.

St-st 2 rows.

Inc for head

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 48 sts. St-st 11 rows, marking centre of the 11th row.

Shape head

1st row: K11, (K2tog) twice, K18, (K2tog) twice, K11 — 44 sts.

2nd, 3rd and 4th rows: St-st without shaping.

5th row: K10, (K2tog) twice, K16, (K2tog) twice, K10 — 40 sts.

6th and every following alternate row: P.

7th row: K9, (K2tog) twice, K14, (K2tog) twice, K9 — 36 sts.

9th row: K8, (K2tog) twice, K12, (K2tog) twice, K8 — 32 sts.

11th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

13th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts.

15th row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T tightly, for top of head ★★★.

To make up

Join row ends from top of head as far as coloured threads, leaving a gap in seam at head section and also at body section. Join row ends of each leg piece from coloured threads to cast on edges. With front of body towards you, oversew cast on sts of right boot together, with leg seam in the position shown in the Diagram. Note that the right leg will appear to be the left leg at this stage, until Puss is turned right side out.

Oversew cast on sts of left boot in same way, reversing position of leg seam. Turn right side out. Stuff boots, legs and body through gap in body seam. Stuff head through gap in head seam. Close gap in body seam.

To shape neck, use a double strand of yellow yarn and gather round the last knitted row of yellow on body. Pull up gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn. Sew yarn ends into neck.

Face

Mark eye positions level with the marked centre of face, leaving four clear knitted sts between them.

Using double lengths of black yarn, make knots for eyes, winding yarn round four times. Pass one pair of yarn ends of one eye through

one marked position to come out at opening at back of head. Pass other yarn ends through just above first position. Knot yarn ends and trim off ends. Repeat with other eye.

Work remaining facial stitches in black, starting and fastening off in stuffing at back of head. For nose, work a few short horizontal stitches between and just below eyes. For mouth, work a long stitch down from centre of nose with a shallow V-shape at base of this stitch.

For the whiskers, split a length of yarn to get a finer strand. Work three long stitches fanning out from a centre point, at each side of the long mouth stitch.

Ear [only one required]

Using fawn begin at lower edge and cast on 2 sts.

Work in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of every row until there are 18 sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of every following row until 6 sts remain.

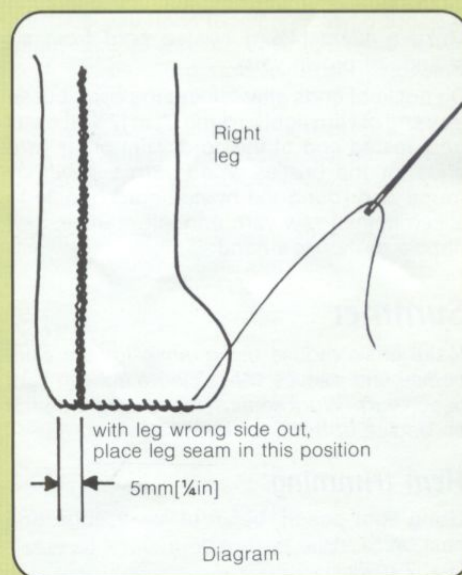
Next row: (K3tog) twice — 2 sts. Fasten off the 2 sts.

With right side of st-st outside, fold ear in half and oversew all the row ends together. Sew ear to left side of head at the side shaping, with cast on sts of ear just above the first head shaping row.

Boot tops [make two alike]

Using tan cast on 27 sts.

St-st 5 rows.



Next row: K1, (yrn, K2tog) to end.
Beginning with a K row, st-st 5 rows.
Cast off.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Bring cast on edge to cast off edge and oversew them together. Sew this edge round the last knitted row of tan on each leg.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at end of hand and using fawn cast on 8 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 9 rows.

Break off fawn and join on yellow for sleeve.

Next row: (K3, inc in next st) to end — 20 sts.
Continue in st-st and work 7 rows.

Next row: K3, (K2tog, K2) 4 times, K1 — 16 sts.
St-st 5 rows.

Next row: K3, (K2tog, K1) 4 times, K1 — 12 sts.
P 1 row.

Shape armhole

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next and every following row until 2 sts remain. Fasten off the 2 sts.

Join row ends from cast on edge as far as the armhole shaping.

Oversew across cast on sts.

Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Sew open top edges to sides of body, with the fastened-off sts level with neck.

Sleeve cuffs [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 29 sts.

1st row: K1 (yrn, K2tog) to end.
K 1 row.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to last st, K1 — 22 sts.
Cast off.

Oversew row ends of each cuff together. Sew to arms at first row of yellow on the sleeves.

Belt

Using black cast on 44 sts. St-st 3 rows. Cast off. Oversew row ends together. Turn right side out. Sew to body where pants and upper body colours meet.

For buckle use light blue and cast on 20 sts. Cast off. Oversew row ends together. Sew to belt as illustrated.

Tail

Begin at top end and using fawn cast on 10 sts loosely.
St-st 26 rows.

Next row: K4, K2tog, K4 — 9 sts.
Continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: K3, K2tog, K4 — 8 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts. B & T tightly.
Join row ends. Turn right side out and stuff. Sew open cast on edge of tail to centre back of body at lower end.

Hat

Hat brim

Using double blue yarn, cast on 72 sts and g-st 6 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 48 sts.
G-st 3 rows.

Break off one strand of yarn, then cast off using single yarn.

Oversew row ends together.

Top of hat

Using single blue yarn, begin at lower edge and cast on 48 sts.
St-st 14 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 32 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 16 sts.
B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out.

Oversew cast off edge of brim to cast on edge of hat top. Stuff top of hat lightly. Sew hat to head as illustrated, through cast on edge of hat top. For the hat band use light blue and cast on 50 sts. Cast off. Sew round lower edge of hat top piece, catching row ends together.

Feathers

Make one yellow, one red and one green. Using colour required cast on 36 sts.

1st row: K3, (insert point of right hand needle into next st, wind yarn 3 times round point of needle, draw through the 3 loops then slip the st off left hand needle) repeat 30 times, K3.

2nd row: K3, K30, dropping two of the wound-round strands on each st; K3.

3rd row: P15, (P3tog) twice, P15 — 32 sts.
Cast off.

Fold feather in half, then oversew along the cast off sts. Gather up row ends tightly and fasten off. Sew feathers to hat.

Cape

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 48 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Beginning with a K row continue in st-st, but K the first and last 2 sts on every following P row. St-st 10 rows.

Shape top

1st row: K5, (K2tog, K4) 7 times, K1 — 41 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K5, (K2tog, K3) 7 times, K1 — 34 sts.

5th row: K5, (K2tog, K2) 7 times, K1 — 27 sts.
Cast off.

Make two 9cm [3½in] single twisted red cords and sew to ends of cast on edge. Tie cords in a bow at front of neck. Sew bow to neck.





The Frog Family

Father and mother frogs measure 21cm [8¼in] in height.

The small frogs are 16cm [6¼in] high.

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

Note: Use *single* yarn and 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles for the boy and girl frogs. Use *double* yarn and 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles for the mother and father frogs. They are all worked in the same basic way.

Body

Begin at base of body and use yellow for boy, pink for girl, blue for father and white for mother. Cast on 16 sts, marking centre of cast on edge.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: Inc K wise into first 5 sts, K6, inc K wise into last 5 sts — 26 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows.

Break off yarn and join on green for boy and girl, white for father, orange for mother.

Shape body

Next row: K6, K2tog, K10, K2tog, K6 — 24 sts. Continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

Cast off loosely, for neck edge.

Join row ends for centre back seam. Bring this

seam to marked centre of cast on edge, then oversew across cast on sts to close. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. Leave neck edge open.

Head

Begin at front neck edge and using green cast on 4 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 8 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows. Continue in st-st.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until 8 sts remain.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until there are 16 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 8 sts.
St-st 2 rows. Cast off, for back neck edge.
Bring cast on and cast off edges together, then oversew row ends together at each side. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. Gather round neck edge, pull up tightly and fasten off.
Place gathered neck edge of head on top of open neck edge of body. Sew neck edge of body to head.
Use black yarn to work two long stitches for mouth, forming a broken V-shape as shown in the illustration.

Eyes [make two alike]

For the eye, use white, begin at centre back and cast on 6 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts.
P 1 row.
Break off white and join on black.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.
B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Stuff, then gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

For the eyelid use green and cast on 12 sts.
St-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.
B & T tightly.

With gathered sts of eyelid at gathered back of eye, sew eyelid to eye. Note that eyelid is not long enough to go right around the eye. Sew the remaining exposed section of the eye to top of head at one side, then catch row ends of eyelid to head also. Sew on the other eye in same way.

Legs [make two alike]

Begin at top edge and use green for boy and girl, blue for father and green for mother.
Cast on 11 sts and st-st 10 rows.

Next row: K3, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K3 — 9 sts.
For boy, girl and mother, st-st 11 rows.

For father st-st 9 rows, break off yarn and join on green.
St-st 2 rows. Now continue in green for all the frogs.

Work foot shaping

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 18 sts.
St-st 6 rows, then break off yarn.

To make the toes

Slip first 9 sts onto your right hand knitting needle, then place knitting needles side by side, with right side of st-st outside and points of needles level. You now have 9 sts on each knitting needle.

★ Thread a sewing needle with a length of green yarn. Use the sewing needle to take 3 sts off one knitting needle, working right to left, then 3 sts off the other needle working left to right. Gather up the sts tightly and oversew to secure. Leave yarn end for now.

Thread sewing needle with another length of green yarn and gather up the next 3 sts on each knitting needle as before. Repeat with the remaining sts. Now sew all the yarn ends into foot. Use green yarn to oversew between the toes ★★.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Stuff leg, but not the foot. Sew open top edges of legs to front of body, with oversewn leg seams facing towards each other.

Turn up feet and catch them to legs to hold in place.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at top edge and use green for boy and girl, white for father, orange for mother.
Cast on 8 sts.
St-st 8 rows and dec 1 st at each end of the 8th row — 6 sts.

For boy and girl continue in green. For father and mother break off yarn and join on green.
St-st 10 rows for all the frogs.

Work hand shaping

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts.
St-st 4 rows, then break off yarn.

To make the fingers

Slip first 6 sts onto your right hand knitting needle, then place knitting needles side by side with right side of st-st outside and points of needles level. You now have 6 sts on each knitting needle.

Now work in same way as given for toes from ★ to ★★, but take 2 sts off each knitting needle each time instead of 3 sts.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Stuff arm, but not the hand. Sew open top edges of arms to sides of body above body shaping row, with oversewn seams at underarms.

Waistband [for boy and father]

Use yellow for boy, blue for father.
Cast on 30 sts, then cast off.
Sew waistband round body at last row of lower body colour, catching row ends together at centre back.

Sleeve cuffs [for father and mother]

Make two alike.
Using white cast on 12 sts. Cast off.
Sew round arm at last row of sleeve colour, catching row ends together at underarm seam.

Skirt [for girl and mother]

Using white, begin at lower edge and cast on 66 sts.
G-st 2 rows.
Break off white and join on pink for girl, orange for mother.
St-st 6 rows for girl, 8 rows for mother.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 33 sts.
Cast off. Dampen the skirt and lay it flat then leave to dry.
Join row ends and turn right side out.
Sew cast off edge to body to cover last row of lower body colour.

Kitten

This sweet little kitten measures 8cm [3in] in length, excluding the tail. The cushion is 9cm [3½in] square.

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

Front legs and body

Begin at end of one front leg and using white cast on 6 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows ★.
Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.

Work second leg in same way as far as ★. Mark each end of next row with a coloured thread. With right side of work facing, K across the second set of leg sts on the knitting needle, then across the leg sts on spare needle — 24 sts.

Continue in st-st and work 15 rows.

Shape back of body

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 12 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.
B & T tightly.

Join row ends from the coloured threads to the B & T sts, leaving a gap in seam.

Join row ends of each leg from the coloured threads to cast on edge. Oversew across cast on sts of each leg. Turn right side out. Stuff legs, then body. Close gap in seam.

Head

Begin at lower edge and using white, cast on 8 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts.
P 1 row.

Inc to shape head

1st row: K1, inc in next 2 sts, K9, inc in next 2 sts, K2 — 20 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K2, inc in next 2 sts, K11, inc in next 2 sts, K3 — 24 sts.

5th row: K3, inc in next 2 sts, K13, inc in next 2 sts, K4 — 28 sts.

St-st 3 rows, marking centre of the first of these rows.

Dec to shape head

1st row: K4, (K2tog) twice, K13, (K2tog) twice, K3 — 24 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K3, (K2tog) twice, K11, (K2tog) twice, K2 — 20 sts.

5th row: K2, (K2tog) twice, K9, (K2tog) twice, K1 — 16 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 8 sts.
B & T tightly.

Join row ends leaving a gap in seam. This seam will be at centre back of head. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff firmly, pushing stuffing well into the shaped sides of head.

Face

Start and fasten off in the stuffing at back of head.

For the eyes, split a length of black yarn to get a finer strand.

Work a V-shape for each eye, on either side of the marked centre point.

For nose, work two small horizontal pink stitches below the eyes.

For mouth use double black sewing thread. Work a small stitch down from nose, with a W-shape at base. Work whiskers in double sewing thread as illustrated. Add a little more stuffing, then close gap in seam.

Ears [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 7 sts.

G-st 4 rows and dec 1 st at beginning of every row — 3 sts.

Fasten off the 3 sts.

Sew cast on edges of ears to top of head as illustrated. Place head at front of body, with chin resting on legs. Turn head to one side. Sew back of head to body where it touches body. Make a 22cm [8¾in] single twisted blue cord and tie it around kitten's neck in a bow. Sew through bow to secure.

Tail

Begin at body-end of tail and using white cast on 2 sts.

Work in st-st and inc 1 st at beginning of every row until there are 8 sts.

St-st 6 rows, marking each end of the first row.

Dec 1 st at end of next row — 7 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Dec 1 st at end of next row — 6 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 3 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together from B & T end as far as the marked row. Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Sew the open end of tail to back of body, so that tail curls round the side of kitten's body as illustrated.

Cushion [make two pieces alike]

Using pink cast on 26 sts.

Work 35 rows in st-st, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the two pieces together round the edges, leaving a gap for stuffing. Stuff very lightly, then oversew the gap.



Owl

A good luck mascot for anyone sitting exams, or an amusing award for success, the owl measures 16cm [6¼in] to the top of the cap.

Materials: 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; stuffing; cardboard for the cap.

Body and head

Begin at lower edge of body and using green mixture cast on 18 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 36 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 54 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 27 rows.

Break off green mixture and join on fawn for head. Continue in st-st and work 20 rows.

Shape top of head

1st row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 45 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 36 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts. B & T loosely.

Join row ends. This seam will be at centre back. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Turn right side out and stuff. The body should measure 32cm [12½in] around at the centre. Pull up length of yarn tightly at top of head, then fasten off.

Feet [make two alike]

Using beige begin at one side of foot and cast on 20 sts.

Work in g-st throughout.

★ Work 1 row, then dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows — 14 sts.

Work 1 row, then inc 1 st at each end of next 3 rows — 20 sts ★★.

Repeat from ★ to ★★.

Work 1 row, then cast off.

Fold the foot in half, then oversew the shaped row ends together. Oversew across cast on sts. Stuff foot very lightly, then oversew across cast off sts. Pin the folded edges of feet to lower front of body, so that they are pointing away from each other as shown in the illustration. Check that the feet are in the correct position to make the owl balance upright. Sew folded edges of feet to body.

Eyes [make two alike]

Begin at outer edge and using white cast on 27 sts.

St-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts. P 1 row.

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

Oversew row ends together. Use black yarn to work a chain stitch just to the left of the gathered centre of one eye. Work another chain stitch on top of the first stitch to make a larger pupil. Work the chain stitches on the other eye to the *right* of the gathered centre. Pin the eyes to the head so that they touch at centre of face, with lower edges seven knitted rows above the last knitted row on the body. Make sure that the black chain stitches are closest to each other. Sew eyes in place.

Beak

Begin at top edge and using tan cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows and dec 1 st at beginning of every row — 6 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 3 sts. B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. With this seam at centre back, stuff lightly, then oversew across cast on sts to close. Sew this edge of beak to the eyes, level with lower edges of black chain stitches.

Mortar-board cap

For the cap piece use black and cast on 12 sts. St-st 15 rows, then cast off.

Pin one corner of the square to centre of face above the eyes and the opposite corner to centre back of head. Pin remaining corners to sides of head. Push a little stuffing inside, then sew all edges of the square in place.

For the top piece use black and cast on 26 sts. St-st 35 rows, then cast off.

Cut a 7cm [2¾in] square of cardboard and snip off the sharp corners. With right side of st-st outside, bring two opposite corners of the knitted square to centre of square. Catch them together. Slip the cardboard square inside, then catch remaining opposite corners of the knitted square together. Now oversew each set of open edges together, working from the centre towards each corner of the square. Sew the centre of the top piece to top of the cap piece with seamed side of top piece against the cap piece.

For the tassel cut eight 18cm [7in] lengths of black yarn. Tie a length of black yarn tightly round centre of the lengths. Fold them at the tied centre. Now tie another length of black yarn tightly around, 1cm [¾in] away from folded ends. This small section forms the cap button. Sew the button to centre top of the cap. Trim ends of the tassel evenly.

Ears [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using fawn cast on 10 sts.

Work in st-st and dec 1 st at beginning of next 8 rows — 2 sts.

Now inc 1 st at beginning of next 8 rows — 10 sts.

Cast off P wise.

Bring cast on and off edges together, with right side of st-st outside, then oversew them together. Oversew row ends together at each side. Sew cast on, cast off edges of ears to sides of head next to the corners of the cap.

Gown

Begin at neck edge and using white for collar, cast on 70 sts.

St-st 6 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Break off white and join on black. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: K2, (inc in next st, K3) to end — 87 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 12 rows, but K the first and last 2 sts on every P row.

G-st 4 rows, then cast off.

Place the gown around the body, with row ends meeting at centre front and last knitted row of the collar level with last knitted row of the body. Sew to body through the last knitted row of the collar. Sew cast on edge of collar to

body, letting the row ends form an open V-shape at centre front.

Sleeves [make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using black cast on 15 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 30 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 12 rows, but K the first and last 2 sts on every P row.

G-st 2 rows. Cast off.

Fold sleeve with right side of st-st outside, bringing row ends together. Oversew across cast off sts, then cast on sts. Pin the cast on edges of sleeves to sides of gown below the white collar, a little closer to front than back. The open row ends of sleeves should face towards front. Sew cast on edges in place.

Wings [make two alike]

Begin at end of wing and using fawn cast on 8 sts.

P 1 row.

Beginning with a K row work 4 rows in st-st and inc 1 st at beginning of every row — 12 sts.

St-st 6 more rows.

Shape top of wing

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next and every following row until 2 sts remain. Fasten off the 2 sts.

Fold wing with right side of st-st outside and oversew row ends together, then across cast on sts.

Slip the shaped top edge of each wing just inside the row ends of each sleeve, with the folded edges of wings uppermost. Sew row ends of sleeves to wings.

Bow tie

Using red cast on 10 sts and st-st 15 rows.

Cast off.

Oversew row ends together, with right side of st-st outside.

With this seam at centre back, oversew across cast on sts, then cast off sts.

Wind a length of red yarn tightly round and round at centre of the piece, then knot ends at back. Sew bow tie to front of gown where the collar meets the gown.

Diploma

Using white cast on 20 sts.

St-st 19 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Cast off.

Roll up the piece from one set of row ends to the other, with right side of st-st outside. Make a 14cm [5½in] single twisted red cord. Tie it in a bow around the rolled-up piece. Sew through bow to secure. Sew diploma to the owl's wing.





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