

Jean Greenhowe's Little Gift Dolls

Eighteen delightful knitted characters



DOUBLE KNITTING YARN

Notes

When you want to send 'greetings', say it with a doll!

Here is a colourful collection of eighteen easy-knit characters designed to appeal to children and adults alike.

There is a doll to suit almost any occasion. Birthday dolls, a Bride and Groom, New-born Baby, a doll for good luck, a Christmas Tree Fairy, a Hallowe'en Witch, a Get-Well-Soon Nurse, a Tooth Pixie and many more.

Each doll measures about 18cm [7in] from top to toe, excluding the hats and all are based on one simple design. The main portion [legs, body and head] is knitted in one piece and takes only 14 grams [$\frac{1}{2}$ ounce] of yarn oddments.

I have also devised a very easy method of knitting the hair, thus ensuring perfect results every time.

Happy knitting!

Jean

General materials required

Oddments of double knitting yarn [USA, knitting worsted weight: **Australia**, 8 ply] in colours stated in the instructions, or colours of your choice. Note that you will need suitable colours for the hair and skin. These shades are not specified in the instructions.

A pair of 3mm [old UK size No 11, USA 2] knitting needles — used throughout for all the knitted pieces except where otherwise stated.

One 5½mm [old UK size No 5, USA 8] knitting needle — used only where stated in the instructions [for the knitted hair, Christmas Fairy's wings and Bride's veil].

Good quality washable stuffing — about 56 grams [2 ounces] for each doll.

A red colouring pencil for shading cheeks.

Plastic drinking straws — used as a basis for Witch's broomstick etc.

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; P = purl; pssso = pass slipped stitch over; 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 up to gather tightly, then fasten off.
B & T loosely — means same as above, but thread yarn through sts loosely and leave until later on.

USA glossary

Cast off — bind off
Tension — gauge

Instructions in round brackets

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

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

Tension and size

Worked at a tension of 26 sts to measure 10cm [4in] in width over st-st before stuffing, the finished dolls will measure about 18cm [7in] in height, excluding the hats.

Casting on

The thumb method is recommended.

Casting off

Always cast off K wise unless otherwise stated.

Working in st-st

Always begin with a K row unless otherwise stated.

Working in stripes

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

Making up

Join all seams having right sides of work together and back-stitch one knitted stitch within the edges, unless oversewing is stipulated. When attaching the various small pieces to the dolls, you can use ordinary matching sewing threads for a neat finish.

Safety note

When making the dolls for children, take care to sew all the bits and pieces securely in place. If a twisted yarn cord is tied in a bow on a doll, sew through the bow so that it can not be undone if pulled.

Colouring cheeks

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

Twisted cords

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

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

BASIC DOLL INSTRUCTIONS

All the dolls are knitted in the same way, except that colours are changed in different places on the main piece [legs, body and head], as shown in the diagrams below.

You should begin by referring to the instructions for the doll you wish to make. These instructions will specify 'make basic doll **No 1**, or **No 2**, or **No 3**' and state the colours to be used. You can then select your colours, turn to this section and knit the legs, body and head piece, following the appropriate set of instructions.

The instructions for the arms, hair and other basic details are given in this section also, since these are used on many of the dolls.

Always take care to refer *back* to the set of instructions for the actual doll you are knitting, after following any of the basic instructions.

Basic doll No 1

Legs, body and head



Using colour required for the boots, begin at lower edge of feet. Cast on 28 sts, marking centre of cast on edge.

1st row: P.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 56 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Shape feet

Next row: K6, (K3tog) 6 times, K8, (K3tog) 6 times, K6 — 32 sts.

St-st 3 rows ★.

Break off boot colour and join on colour required for pants. Continue in st-st and work 10 rows, marking centre of last row.

St-st 8 more rows.

Break off pants colour and join on colour required for upper body. St-st 10 rows.

★★ Shape shoulders

Next row: K7, (K2tog) twice, K10, (K2tog) twice, K7 — 28 sts.

P 1 row.

Break off upper body colour and join on colour required for head. St-st 2 rows.

Shape head

Next row: K8, inc in next 12 sts, K8 — 40 sts. St-st 23 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 20 sts. B & T loosely.

Basic doll No 2

Legs, body and head



Using colour required for the boots, begin at lower edge of feet. Cast on 28 sts, marking centre of cast on edge.

1st row: P.
Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 56 sts.
 Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Shape feet

Next row: K6, (K3tog) 6 times, K8, (K3tog) 6 times, K6 — 32 sts.
 St-st 3 rows.

Break off boot colour and join on colour required for legs and all of body. Continue in st-st and work 10 rows, marking centre of last row.
 St-st 18 more rows.

Shape shoulders

Next row: K7, (K2tog) twice, K10, (K2tog) twice, K7 — 28 sts.

P 1 row.

Break off body colour and join on colour required for head.

St-st 2 rows.

Shape head

Next row: K8, inc in next 12 sts, K8 — 40 sts.
 St-st 23 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 20 sts.
 B & T loosely.

Basic doll No 3

Legs, body
and head



Using colour required for the shoes, begin at lower edge of feet. Cast on 28 sts, marking centre of cast on edge.

1st row: P.
Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 56 sts.
 Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows. Break off shoe colour and join on colour required for bare legs, [to match head and hands].

Shape feet

Next row: K6, (K3tog) 6 times, K8, (K3tog) 6 times, K6 — 32 sts.

Continue in st-st and work 13 rows, marking centre of last row.

Break off leg colour and join on colour required for panties and upper body ★.

St-st 18 rows.

Shape shoulders

Next row: K7, (K2tog) twice, K10, (K2tog) twice, K7 — 28 sts.

P 1 row.

Break off body colour and join on colour required for head.

St-st 2 rows.

★★ Shape head

Next row: K8, inc in next 12 sts, K8 — 40 sts.
 St-st 23 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

B & T loosely.

To make up all basic dolls

Join row ends of the knitted legs, body and head piece, forming centre back seam on the doll. Turn right side out. Oversew across the cast on sts, matching the marked centre point to centre back seam.

To form the legs, use matching yarn to sew back and forth through the doll at centre, starting at marked centre of the cast on edge and ending at the marked knitted row on the legs.

Stuff the toes, legs, body and head firmly. Pull up the length of yarn tightly at top of head and fasten off. To shape the neck, use a length of matching yarn and gather round the first knitted row of the head colour. Pull up the gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn. Sew yarn ends into neck.

For Bride, Christmas Fairy and Jelly Babies, shape the neck in same way, but gather round the *third* knitted row above the shoulder dec row.

Face

For each eye, cut a 30cm [12in] length of black yarn. Make a knot at centre of each length, winding yarn round six times before pulling knot tight.

Mark positions of eyes with pins, leaving four clear knitted sts between them and placing them ten knitted rows above head inc row. Thread one yarn end into a darning needle. Pass the needle through one marked point to come out at back of doll's head near to top. Pass the other yarn end through head in same way, taking it through face just below the first position. Draw the ends of yarn through until knot touches face, then knot the ends of yarn together tightly and securely. Sew yarn ends into head. Repeat this for the other eye.

For mouth, use a length of black yarn and a darning needle, starting and fastening off at back of head near top. Work two small stitches to form a shallow V-shape, placing centre of V four knitted rows above head inc row. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

Basic arms

The arms are the same for all the dolls. Make two alike. Begin at end of hand and using yarn to match head colour, cast on 7 sts.

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

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

Break off hand colour and join on yarn for sleeve, to match upper body colour. St-st 11 rows. Cast off loosely.

To make up

Join row ends of each arm, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Unless other instructions are given, sew the open cast off edges of arms to sides of body, starting level with the K2tog decrease sts on shoulder shaping row.

Basic sleeve cuffs

Make two alike. Using the colour specified, cast on 18 sts and st-st 3 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together. Turn right side out. Sew cuffs to lower edges of sleeves.

Basic boot top piece

This strip either forms a cuff around the top of boots, or a cuff around lower edge of pants, according to the individual instructions for each doll.

Using the colour specified, cast on 50 sts and g-st 2 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together and place the piece around the boots with one long edge level with top knitted row of the boots. Sew through centre of strip and doll as when forming the doll's legs. Sew the strip to doll's legs.

Basic belt

Using the colour specified cast on 40 sts. St-st 3 rows, then cast off. Oversew row ends together. Turn right side out and place on doll where the pants and upper body colours join and with seam at centre back. Sew cast on and cast off edges to body.

Basic ears

Make two alike. Use on boy dolls if stated in individual instructions.

Using yarn to match the head colour, cast on 5 sts. St-st 5 rows, then cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together, then oversew row ends at each side. Pin the oversewn cast on, cast off edges to sides of head, but do not sew in place at this stage.

Basic hair

If hair is required, it is the same for boys and girls. The hair is worked in g-st, using one 5½mm [No 5, USA 8] knitting needle, and one 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needle. Use this pair of odd-sized needles to knit alternate rows.

Using the larger size needle and the required hair colour, cast on 12 sts.

1st row: K2tog, K to last 3 sts, turn.

2nd row: K to last st, inc in last st.

3rd row: K to last 2 sts, turn.

4th row: K to end.

5th and 6th rows: K.

Repeat these 6 pattern rows 11 more times. Cast off.

To make up

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Note that the wavy set of row ends is the face edge of hair. Gather up the opposite set of row ends tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out.

For boy doll, place the hair on head with oversewn seam at centre back. Adjust positions of ears to suit. Sew face edge of hair in place, pulling down each wavy edge slightly as you do this. Sew ears to head.

For girl doll, pull the hair a little further down onto the head at back and sides, then sew wavy edge in place.



Clown

Illustrated on opposite page.

Gift suitable for almost anyone or any occasion.

Make basic doll **No 1**, using green for boots, red for pants and yellow for upper body. Make basic arms using yellow for sleeves. Add basic cuffs using green. Add basic boot top piece using black.

For the nose, use double red yarn and make as for eyes, winding yarn round four times before pulling knot tight. Sew through face in same way as for eyes.

Now add basic ears and hair, using orange for hair.

Braces [make two alike]

Using red, cast on 26 sts and g-st 2 rows. Cast off. Place over shoulders and sew ends to top of pants at front. Cross braces over at back and sew other ends to top of pants at back. For braces buttons [make four] use light blue and make as for Bo-Peep's flowers [page 8]. Work a black cross-stitch at centre of each button. Sew cast on edge of each button to doll as illustrated.

Bow tie

Using blue, cast on 6 sts and g-st 50 rows. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. With this seam at centre back, gather through centre of bow, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew round centre of bow with black yarn. Sew bow to doll's body below chin.

Hat

For hat top use black, begin at lower edge and cast on 60 sts. G-st 20 rows.

Shape top

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 40 sts. G-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 20 sts. G-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together then turn right side out.

For hat brim use black, begin at outer edge and cast on 80 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 60 sts.

Cast off. Oversew row ends together.

Now oversew cast off edge of brim to cast on edge of hat top. Stuff top of hat. Sew hat to head through cast on edge of hat top.

Flags [make four]

Using yellow cast on 2 sts.

Work in st-st throughout and inc 1 st at beginning of every row until there are 10 sts. St-st 6 rows without shaping.

Now dec 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until 2 sts remain. Fasten off the 2 sts.

Work each letter L, O, V, E, in red back-stitches on one half of each flag. Oversew along each letter through the back-stitches to make a well-defined line. Fold each flag with right side of st-st outside and catch points together. Oversew row ends together at each side.

Make a 30cm [12in] single twisted green cord. Sew top corners of flags to cord as illustrated. Sew cord to doll's hands.

Flag in hat

For the stick you will need an 8cm [3in] length cut off an ordinary plastic drinking straw. Cover the straw with a strip of knitting as for Snowman's broom handle [page 12], using red yarn.

Knit the flag as for the others, but st-st 16 rows without shaping instead of 6 rows. On one half of the flag, work the word 'WITH' in short straight red stitches. Make up flag as for others and sew to the stick at one end. Push other end of stick into hat at top, poking it between the knitted sts and the stuffing, until end of stick touches doll's head. Sew stick to hat where it passes through the knitted sts.

Witch

Illustrated below.

Gift for Hallowe'en.

Make basic doll **No 1**, using black for boots, dark green for pants and light green for upper body. Make basic arms using light green for sleeves. Add basic hair using light green.

Skirt

Begin at lower edge and using light green cast on 66 sts. G-st 4 rows.

Join on dark green and st-st 2 rows.

Using light green, st-st 2 rows.

Continue working in two-row stripes as given and st-st 16 more rows. Break off light green and continue in dark green.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 44 sts. Cast off.

Join row ends. Turn right side out. Sew cast off edge to body all round, level with underarms.

Hat

Make hat brim in same way as for Bo-Peep's hat [page 8], using double black yarn.

For hat crown, begin at lower edge, use black and cast on 56 sts. St-st 4 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 42 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 28 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts. P 1 row. B & T tightly.

For hat band use red, cast on 54 sts, then cast off.

Oversew row ends of hat brim together. Oversew row ends of hat crown together and turn right side out. Oversew cast off edge of brim to cast on edge of hat crown. Stuff hat crown. Sew hat to head through base of crown. Oversew row ends of hat band together. Sew band round base of crown.

Cape

Using black, begin at lower edge and cast on 40 sts.

G-st 50 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 20 sts. Cast off. Make two 12cm [4¾in] double twisted black cords. Sew one to each end of cast off edge. Place cape on doll and tie cords in a bow at front.

Broomstick

Make as for Snowman's broom [page 12]. Make a 30cm [12in] double twisted red cord and tie in a bow round handle. Sew handle to doll's hand.





Tooth Pixie

Illustrated above.

Gift for a child, Tooth Pixie's purse keeps those baby teeth safe, until exchanged for a coin.

Make basic doll **No 1**, using orange for boots, light green for pants and dark green for upper body. Make basic arms using dark green for sleeves. Add basic boot top piece using orange to match boots.

Pixie ears [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using yarn to match head, cast on 5 sts.

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

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

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of every row until 2 sts remain. Break off yarn and fasten off the 2 sts.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends of each ear together and also across cast on sts. Pin ears to sides of head, with oversewn seams facing towards back. Do not sew in place just yet.

Cap

Begin at lower edge and using orange cast on 56 sts.

G-st 6 rows.

Break off orange and join on dark green.

St-st 2 rows.

Join on light green and st-st 2 rows.

Continue working in two-row stripes of dark and light green throughout and st-st 4 more rows.

Shape top

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

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

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts. P 1 row. B & T tightly.

Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff top of cap and place on doll's head as illustrated. Adjust ears to suit. Sew ears to head taking a stitch through centre of each one and into head. Tuck a few loops of yellow yarn inside cap above forehead for a fringe of hair. Sew cap to head through the first row of st-st.

Collar

Using orange, cast on 40 sts and st-st 4 rows.

Next row: K1, (pass yarn under and over tip of right hand needle to make a st, K2tog) to last st, K1.

St-st 3 rows then cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together, with right side of st-st outside. Place collar round doll's neck and oversew row ends together at back.

Belt and purse

You will need a small snap fastener.

Make basic belt using yellow and sew it to doll.

For the purse use yellow and cast on 10 sts. G-st 2 rows, then st-st 27 rows.

G-st 2 rows but dec 1 st at each end of both rows — 6 sts. Cast off.

Fold up 3cm (1¼in) at cast on edge and oversew row ends together at each side. Turn purse right side out. Sew on snap fastener to hold the flap closed. Work a small dot in green on flap. Sew purse to belt as illustrated.

Baby Dolls

Illustrated above.

Gift to commemorate a baby's birth.

Using pink or blue, work as given for basic doll **No 1**, as far as ★.

Join on white and st-st 2 rows.

Continue in pink or blue and st-st 2 rows.

Now continue working in two-row stripes and st-st 6 more rows, marking centre of last row.

Continue in stripes and st-st 4 more rows. Break off white, continue in pink or blue and st-st 14 rows.

Now work as given for basic doll **No 1** from ★★ to end.

Make basic arms using pink or blue for sleeves. Add basic ears for boy and basic hair for both dolls.

For girl doll make a 15cm [6in] double twisted pink cord. Tie in a bow and sew to hair.

Bib

Using white, begin at top edge and cast on 12 sts. Work 12 rows in st-st, but K the first and last stitch on every P row.

St-st 2 more rows, but K2tog at each end of both rows — 8 sts. Cast off P wise.

Make a 30cm [12in] double twisted white cord and sew cast on edge of bib to centre portion of the cord. Use pink or blue yarn to work the letter B [or baby's own initial] in back-stitches on the bib. Oversew along the letter through each back-stitch to make a well-defined line. Tie cord in a bow at back of doll's neck. Catch lower edge of bib to body.

Toy Soldier

Illustrated below.

Gift for a child or adult.

Make basic doll **No 1**, using black for boots, dark blue for pants and red for upper body. Make basic arms using red for sleeves. Add basic cuffs using white.

Hat

Main piece

Using black, begin at lower edge and cast on 54 sts.

Noting that first row is *right* side of hat, g-st 12 rows.

Next row: K5, (inc in next st, K5) 8 times, K1 — 62 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Next row: K2, (inc in next st, K5) to end — 72 sts.

G-st 7 rows.

Shape top

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

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

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

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 16 sts.

B & T tightly.

Hat peak

Using black cast on 24 sts and st-st 2 rows.

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 20 sts.

Now inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 24 sts.

St-st 2 more rows, then cast off.

Chin strap

For strap use yellow and cast on 30 sts. G-st 3 rows. Cast off.

For each button [make two], use yellow and cast on 14 sts. K 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly. Oversew row ends of each button together.

To make up

Oversew row ends of hat main piece together. Turn right side out. Oversew cast on and cast off edges of hat peak together, with P side of st-st outside, then oversew across row ends. Sew the oversewn cast on, cast off edge of peak to lower edge of hat at front.

Stuff top of hat lightly. Place on head as illustrated and sew cast on edge to head. Sew ends of chin strap to cast on edge of hat at each side of peak. Sew buttons to hat in line with ends of strap. Sew chin strap to face.

To keep top of hat flat, proceed as follows. Use a darning needle and length of yarn to match hat. Now take a stitch through from lower edge of hat at back to centre top of hat, then back again. Pull yarn to flatten top of hat, then fasten off.

Shoulder straps [make two alike]

Using white, cast on 36 sts and K 1 row, then cast off. Place straps over shoulders, crossing them over at front and back. Sew ends to doll just below first knitted row of red on body.

Belt

Use white to make basic belt, then sew in place.

Drum

Using light blue for drum centre cast on 11 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 22 sts.

P 1 row.

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

P next 3 rows.

Now beginning with a K row, st-st 6 rows.

P next 2 rows.

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

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together. Turn right side out and stuff.

Gather round cast on edge, pull up tightly and fasten off. Take needle through this gathered centre to centre of fastened-off sts, then back again. Pull, to flatten into drum shape, then fasten off.

For the outer casing, use yellow and cast on 32 sts. G-st 2 rows. St-st 7 rows. G-st 2 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out.

Place around the drum and catch to drum just below the yellow g-st edgings.

Use red yarn to work long stitches, zig-zagging round st-st portion of outer casing, as shown in the illustration. Make an 18cm [7in] double twisted yellow cord and place it over doll's right shoulder, joining ends underneath left arm. Sew ends to top of drum as illustrated.

Drumsticks [make two alike]

Using two strands of brown yarn together, cast on 12 sts. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. To form the knob, wind sewing thread tightly round, near to one end of each stick. Knot ends and sew into stick. Sew drumsticks to hands as illustrated.



Little Boy Blue

Illustrated on opposite page.

Gift for a child.

Make basic doll **No 1**, using dark blue for boots, light blue for pants and medium blue for upper body. Make basic arms, using medium blue for sleeves. Add basic boot top piece using dark blue to match boots. Add basic ears and hair.

Jacket skirt

Begin at lower edge and using medium blue to match upper body, cast on 44 sts.

G-st 2 rows. St-st 6 rows.

Break off medium blue and join on dark blue for belt.

G-st 3 rows, then cast off. Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Put on doll, with cast off edge level with underarms. Sew to doll through centre of the belt.

Cap

Begin at lower edge and using light blue cast on 54 sts. G-st 2 rows. St-st 4 rows.

★ **Next row:** (K1, inc in next st) to last 2 sts, K2 — 80 sts.

Continue in st-st and work 7 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 70 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 60 sts.

5th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 50 sts.

7th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

9th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

11th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

13th row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly ★★. Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out.

Peak

Using light blue cast on 24 sts and st-st 2 rows. Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 20 sts.

Now inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 24 sts.

St-st 2 more rows, then cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together with right side of st-st outside, then oversew across row ends. Sew the oversewn cast on, cast off edge of peak to lower edge of cap at front.

Put a little stuffing around the inside of cap to shape it. Place cap on head as illustrated and sew cast on edge in place. Catch centre top of cap to head to keep it flat.

Collar

Using medium blue, cast on 40 sts and g-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts. Cast off. Place collar round neck and catch ends of cast off row together at centre front.

Buckle, bow, buttons

Use yellow for all the items. Work four long stitches to form buckle on belt at centre front. Oversew closely along and round and round each stitch. Work short stitches for each button. Make a 13cm [5in] single twisted yellow cord, tie in a bow and sew to collar at front.

Horn

Using yellow, begin at narrow end and cast on 6 sts. Work in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of 3rd and every following 4th row until there are 16 sts.

St-st 3 more rows.

Break off yellow and join on black, then st-st 4 more rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T loosely.

Gather up cast on sts tightly and fasten off. Oversew row ends together, pulling stitches tightly to curve the horn. Turn right side out and stuff. Pull up length of black yarn tightly and fasten off.

For the rim, use yellow and cast on 22 sts.

K 1 row, then cast off. Oversew row ends together. Sew the rim round last knitted row of yellow at widest end of the horn.

Make a 10cm [4in] single twisted black cord for shoulder strap. Sew ends to horn at seam beside the rim. Before fastening off, take your sewing needle through horn to centre of gathered-up black knitted sts, then back again. Pull tight to flatten the black end portion, then fasten off.

Little Bo-Peep

Illustrated on opposite page.

Gift for a child.

Make basic doll **No 1**, using yellow for boots, light blue for pants and red for upper body. Make basic arms, using red for sleeves. Add basic boot top piece, using light blue to match pants. Add basic hair.

Skirt [make two pieces alike]

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 40 sts.

G-st 2 rows. St-st 12 rows.

Shape armholes

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 36 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Oversew row ends of skirt pieces together as far as the armhole shaping. Turn right side out. Work three rows of running stitches round the skirt above g-st edge, using yellow and blue yarn as illustrated.

Put skirt on the doll with armhole shaping fitting around and under the arms. Sew cast off edges of skirt to body at front and back, and armhole shaping to underarms.

Hat

Note: Use double yarn for the brim and crown pieces — one strand of yellow and one of cream.

Brim

Begin at outer edge of brim and cast on 72 sts. G-st 8 rows.

Next row: (K1; slip 1, K1, psso) to end — 48 sts. Cast off. Oversew row ends together.

Crown

Begin at lower edge and cast on 48 sts. G-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K1; slip 1, K1, psso) to end — 32 sts. G-st 3 rows.

Next row: (Slip 1, K1, psso) to end — 16 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (Slip 1, K1, psso) to end — 8 sts.

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

Flowers [make one red, one blue]

Using chosen colour cast on 16 sts loosely. K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together.

Work a few stitches in yellow at centre of each flower.

To make up

For the cord tied under doll's chin, make a 40cm [16in] double twisted light blue cord. Pin centre to top of doll's head, tying ends in a bow under the chin. Sew the cord to top and sides of head and bow to chin.

Oversew cast off edge of hat brim to cast on edge of crown. Place hat on doll's head and sew to head where brim joins the crown. Sew flowers to hat as illustrated, adding a few loops of green yarn at back of flowers for leaves.

Crook

Note: You will need a plastic drinking straw with a 'bendy' section. Fold the straw over at the bendy section, then trim this end of straw to about 2.5cm [1in] in length. When making up the knitted strip, the P side of st-st is right side.

Using brown cast on 5 sts and work in st-st until strip is same length as the straw. B & T tightly. Gather up cast on sts tightly, then starting at this end oversew row ends together, enclosing the straw as you go. Make a 23cm [9in] double twisted yellow cord and tie it around crook in a bow. Sew crook to doll's hand.











Snowman

Illustrated above.

Gift for the Christmas season.

Make basic doll **No 2**, but use white throughout. Add eyes and mouth, but take care to knot and fasten off the lengths of yarn at gathered centre top of head.

Make basic arms using white throughout. Stuff arms very lightly, then oversew cast off edges to close. Sew these edges to sides of body level with shoulder dec row, with hands pointing down towards feet.

Catch hands to body.

Ear-muffs

For the headband use green, cast on 26 sts and g-st 9 rows. Cast off. Sew band across top of head with row ends level at each side.

For each muff use red and cast on 10 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T tightly. With K side of st-st outside, oversew row ends of each muff together. Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew through muff at gathered centre and back again to flatten, then fasten off. Sew muffs to sides of head overlapping ends of headband.

Scarf

Using red cast on 6 sts. Work in g-st until scarf measures 26cm [10in]. Cast off. Add green fringe to ends.

Broom

For the handle you will need a 12cm [4¾in] length cut off an ordinary plastic drinking straw.

Using brown, cast on 5 sts and work in st-st until strip is same length as the straw. B & T tightly. With P side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together, enclosing the straw as you go. Gather and fasten off cast on sts.

Use a sewing needle to pass a 10cm [4in] length of brown yarn through one knitted st, 2cm [¾in] away from one end of handle. Pull ends of yarn strand down so that they are level. Continue doing this until the end of handle is covered with strands. Now use a strand of grey yarn to bind all the brown yarn strands tightly to handle. Trim ends of brown yarn. Push broom handle under doll's arm and sew handle to body at front.

Chimney Sweep

Illustrated above.

Traditionally, chimney sweeps are said to bring good luck, so this doll could be a gift for anyone sitting exams, a driving test, etc, or for a bride.

Make basic doll **No 1**, using black for boots, blue for pants and dark red for upper body. Make basic arms using dark red for sleeves. Add basic boot top piece using blue to match pants. Add basic ears and hair. Add basic belt using black.

Use an ordinary black pencil to rub sooty smudges over face, ears and hands as illustrated.

Buckle

Using brown cast on 16 sts, then cast off. Oversew row ends together, then sew to belt as illustrated.

Cap

Using grey, make cap as for Boy Blue [page 8]. Sew to head tilted to one side. Catch cap top to peak at front.

Pants patch

Using blue, cast on 5 sts and st-st 5 rows. Cast off.

Sew to pants using black yarn as illustrated.

Brush

For the handle you will need an 18cm [7in] length cut off an ordinary plastic drinking straw. Use grey to knit and make handle in same way as for Snowman's broom handle [this page].

For brush top use black yarn, cast on 28 sts and K 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together, forming a circular piece. Make another piece in same way. For the bristles, cut thirty 8cm [3in] lengths of black yarn. Tie a strand of yarn tightly around the bunch at centre. Sew this centre to centre of one circle. Place other circle on top, sandwiching the bristles between the circles. Sew circles together, fanning out the bristles evenly all round. Trim bristles to even lengths all round. Sew centre of this brush top piece to one end of the handle. Sew handle to doll's hand.

Neck scarf

Using dark green cast on 48 sts.

Work in g-st and cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 8 rows, slipping the first st on every row — 16 sts.

Continue in g-st and dec 1 st at beginning of every following row until 2 sts remain. Fasten off the 2 sts. Tie neck scarf round doll's neck and secure the knot by sewing through it.

Miss Valentine

Illustrated below.

Gift for Valentine's day, Mother's day, birthday, etc.

Make basic doll **No 1**, using red for boots, white for pants and red for upper body. Make basic arms, using red for sleeves. Add basic hair.

Pants frill

Using white cast on 4 sts.

1st row: K2tog, K1, turn.

2nd row: K1, inc in last st.

3rd and 4th rows: K ★.

Repeat the last 4 rows 23 more times. Cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together.

Sew straight set of row ends round lower edge of pants in same way as for basic boot top piece [page 3].

Wrist frills [make two alike]

Work as for pants frill to ★. Repeat the 4 rows 9 more times. Cast off. Make up as for pants frill and sew round wrists.

Skirt

Make as for Bo-Peep's skirt [page 8] and use white yarn to work a row of running stitches round skirt.

Neck frill

Work as for pants frill to ★. Repeat the 4 rows 26 more times. Cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together at back of neck. Sew the straight set of row ends to back of neck, then to upper body in a V-shape as illustrated. Make a 20cm [8in] single twisted white cord, tie in a bow and sew to neck at front.

Heart [make two pieces alike]

Using red cast on 2 sts. Work in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of every K row until there are 10 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K2tog, K1, (K2tog) twice, K1, K2tog — 6 sts.

Next row: P2, P2tog, P2 — 5 sts.

Cast off. Oversew the pieces together with right side of st-st outside, stuffing the heart lightly at the same time.

For frilled edging work as for pants frill to ★. Repeat the 4 rows 17 more times. Make up as for pants frill and sew round edge of heart. Sew heart to doll's head as illustrated.

Parcel

Using white cast on 14 sts and st-st 17 rows. Cast off. With right side of st-st outside, fold the four corners of the square to centre and catch them together. Stuff lightly, then oversew the adjacent edges of the piece together. Make a 28cm [11in] single twisted red cord and tie it round the parcel. Sew parcel to doll's hand.





Chef

Illustrated above.

A versatile gift to suit almost any birthday, anniversary, etc, since the appropriate 'number' can be embroidered on the cake.

Make basic doll **No 1**, using black for boots,

blue for pants and white for upper body. Make basic arms using white for sleeves. Sew arms to body a little closer to front than for basic doll, so that hands can hold the cake easily.

Add basic boot top piece, using blue to match pants. Add basic ears and hair.

Apron

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

G-st 2 rows, then st-st 13 rows. Cast off. Catch ends of cast off row together at back of doll. Sew cast off edge to body all round, level with underarms. Make a 20cm [8in] single twisted white cord, tie in a bow and sew to back at cast off edge.

Neck scarf

Using white, make as for Chimney Sweep's neck scarf [page 12].

Hat

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 54 sts.

G-st 6 rows, then st-st 8 rows.

Now work as for Boy Blue's cap [page 8] from ★ to ★★.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Stuff top of hat lightly, then sew cast on edge to head as illustrated. Pull top of hat over to one side and catch in place.

Cake

Using white 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.

P 1 row. K the next 2 rows.

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

K the next 2 rows.

P 1 row.

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

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 13 sts.

B & T loosely.

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Oversew row ends together, turn

right side out and stuff. Pull up yarn end tightly and fasten off. Thread this yarn end into a darning needle, take through centre of cake and back again.

Pull tight to flatten, then fasten off.

Use a pencil to lightly mark the number or numbers required, on top of the cake. Use pink or other colour of yarn to work small back-stitches along the marked lines. Work back along each number, oversewing through each back-stitch.

For the candle use pink or other colour of yarn and cast on 6 sts. St-st 2 rows then cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Wind matching yarn tightly round and round the candle, sewing it in at intervals, until you have a fairly rigid candle-shape. Use yellow yarn to sew a small loop at top of candle for the flame, taking needle up through centre of candle. Sew candle to cake.

For the outer covering, use yarn to match numbers. Cast on 6 sts and g-st 71 rows. Cast off. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Place strip around cake, then sew in place.

Sew lower back edge of cake to centre front of doll at top of apron. Sew doll's hands to sides of cake. Make a 13cm [5in] single twisted white cord, tie in a bow and sew to front of cake.

Jelly Babies

Illustrated below.

Gift for a child, this group can be used to teach a child to recognise different colours.

You can use yellow, green, orange, red or dark grey. Make basic doll **No 2**, using one colour throughout. When sewing centre back seam on basic doll, leave a small gap in seam at back of head, for adding the facial features — see below.

Make basic arms in one colour throughout. If desired, add arms to body as follows. Stuff very lightly, then oversew cast off edge to close. Sew these edges to sides of doll and hands to tummy as illustrated.

To work face

Note that for dark grey doll you will need to use light grey for facial features.

Make eyes as for basic doll, but take the strands of yarn through face to come out at the gap in head seam. Knot yarn ends against stuffing. Work mouth stitches in same way starting and fastening off in stuffing. Trim yarn ends. Add a bit more stuffing to cover the yarn ends. Close gap in seam.



Bell-boy

Illustrated on the right.

Gift suitable for almost any celebration or occasion.

Make basic doll **No 2**, using white for boots, with red for legs and all of body. Make basic arms using red for sleeves. Make basic boot top piece using red to match legs. Add basic ears and hair.

Jacket trimmings

Use white for these, casting on the number of sts quoted, then casting off.

For jacket hem — 46 sts. Oversew row ends together. Sew round the body level with underarms, but forming a V-point at centre front as illustrated.

For collar — 36 sts. Oversew row ends together at back of neck. Sew to neck.

For each sleeve cuff — 20 sts. Oversew row ends together then sew round lower edges of sleeves.

For the buttons, work a row of short stitches at regular intervals down centre front of jacket, then a row on each side to form a V-shape as shown in the illustration. Work twice more over each stitch.

Hat

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 63 sts.

G-st 2 rows. Continue in st-st and work 2 rows. Join on white, then st-st 2 rows.

Break off white and continue in red.

St-st 3 rows, then g-st 3 rows.

★ Shape top

1st row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 54 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 45 sts.

5th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

7th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 27 sts.

9th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

11th row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly ★★.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out. Place hat on head tilted to one side as illustrated.

For the chin strap use white, cast on 36 sts, then cast off. Pin in place, tucking ends under lower edge of hat. Sew cast on edge of hat to head and chin strap to face. Catch centre top of hat to head.

Bunch of roses

Make as for Nurse's bouquet [opposite page] using red for flowers and omitting the green centres. Make bow in green. Sew bouquet to doll's hand.

Bottle of champagne

Begin at base and using dark green cast on 12 sts.

P 1 row.



Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: K.

Continue in st-st, beginning with a K row and work 10 rows.

Next row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 20 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 16 sts. P 1 row. Break off dark green and join on white.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 12 sts. P 1 row. Break off white and join on gold.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 8 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 12 sts.

Next row: K.

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

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

Oversew row ends together. Turn right side out and stuff. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off, but do not cut yarn length.

To flatten the base, thread yarn end into a needle, take it through to side of bottle half way up so that needle comes out *between* the knitted sts. Pass needle back to centre of base again, *between* the same knitted sts. Pull tight and fasten off.

For the label use white, cast on 9 sts and st-st 7 rows. Cast off. Use gold to work small running stitches across label as illustrated. Sew label to bottle. Make an 18cm [7in] single twisted red cord and tie in a bow round neck of bottle. Sew bottle to doll's hand.

Nurse

Illustrated on opposite page.

A get-well-soon gift, which can be varied by adding different items to the hands, for example the bottle of champagne or the parcel.

Make basic doll **No 3**, using white for shoes and blue for panties and upper body. Make basic arms using blue for sleeves. Add basic cuffs using white. Add basic hair.

Collar

Using white, cast on 32 sts, then cast off. Place cast off edge round doll's neck and oversew row ends together at centre back.

Skirt and apron

Using blue, begin at lower edge and cast on 66 sts.

G-st 2 rows, then st-st 2 rows.

Break off blue and join on white for apron.

K the next 2 rows. St-st 12 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 44 sts.

K 1 row. St-st 3 rows. Cast off.

For the bib, use white and cast on 12 sts. St-st 9 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row. Cast off.

To make up

Join row ends of skirt, turn right side out and place on doll with cast off edge under the arms and seam at centre back. Tuck cast off edge of bib just inside cast off edge of skirt at centre front. Sew bib and cast off edge of skirt to doll.

Cap

Using white, begin at face edge and cast on 54 sts.

St-st 4 rows.

Continue in st-st and cast off 8 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 38 sts.

Now dec 1 st at each end of next and every following row until 24 sts remain.

St-st 28 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Oversew the short straight set of row ends together. Turn right side out. Place on doll's head with this seam at centre back. Sew cast on edge to head. Catch centre of cast off edge to cast on edge at centre back. Now oversew row ends of straight portion of cap to the shaped dec row ends at each side.

Hot water bottle

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

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 16 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 12 sts. K 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts. P 1 row, then cast off.

Oversew row ends together, with P side of st-st outside. Flatten bottle with the oversewn seam at centre back. Put a little stuffing inside, then oversew across cast on sts. Sew neck of bottle to doll's hand.

Bouquet

For each flower use yellow and cast on 10 sts.

1st row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts. B & T tightly. Catch row ends together and take tail ends of yarn to back of flower. For centre of flower make a knot in one end of a short length of green yarn and sew it through centre of flower to back. Make six flowers. Bind and sew all stalks and tail ends of yarn together beneath flowers. Trim these ends to 2.5cm [1in] in length. Add a few loops of green yarn here and there in the bouquet for leaves, sewing them through to stalks.

For the wrapping paper, use white, cast on 16 sts and st-st 19 rows. Cast off. Wrap this piece around bouquet as illustrated with P side of st-st outside. Sew in place, catching in the flower stalks. Make a 16cm [6½in] single twisted green cord and tie in a bow round bouquet. Sew bouquet to doll's hand.





Christmas Tree Fairy

Illustrated above.

Gift for the Christmas season, or a birthday.

Make basic doll in exactly the same way as given for the Bride doll [this page].

Make basic arms using white for sleeves. Add basic hair.

Wristbands and neckband

Using blue, knit and sew in place as for Bride [this page].

Skirt

Begin at hem edge and using blue cast on 88 sts.

G-st 4 rows. Break off blue and join on white.

St-st 6 rows.

Break off white and join on blue.

G-st 4 rows.

Break off blue and join on white.

St-st 20 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 44 sts.

Cast off.

Join row ends. Turn right side out. Sew cast off edge to body all round, level with underarms.

Wings [make two alike]

Using white, make as given for basic hair, but cast on 20 sts and work the 6 pattern rows a total of 5 times. Cast off.

Gather along the short set of row ends on each wing. Pull up tightly and fasten off. Oversew these edges together, then sew this portion to doll at centre back just above cast off edge of skirt. Position the wings as shown in the illustration, then catch each wing to the back of each hand.

Crown

Using white, cast on 30 sts and g-st 2 rows.

Break off white and join on blue.

St-st 4 rows.

Next row: K1, (pass yarn under and over tip of right hand needle to make a st, K2tog) to last st, K1.

St-st 5 rows. Cast off P wise.

Oversew row ends together. Using white, over-sew cast on and cast off edges together, with right side of st-st outside and white g-st border outermost. Sew crown to top of doll's head.

Wand

For the handle you will need an 8cm [3in] length cut off an ordinary plastic drinking straw. First cut through the handle along the length. You will now be able to overlap the long edges to make a thinner tube, when covering the handle with yarn.

Thread a length of white yarn into a darning needle and knot end. Sew this through one end of the handle with knot on inside of the handle. Now wind yarn tightly round and round handle until it is completely covered. Fasten off, sewing through end of handle.

For the star, use white and cast on 6 sts.

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

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

Next row: K1, (pass yarn under and over tip of right hand needle to make a st, K2tog) to last st, K1.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew through centre of star and back again to flatten, then fasten off. Sew one end of handle to back of star.

Make an 18cm [7in] single twisted blue cord and tie it in a bow round handle.

Sew handle to doll's hand.

Bride

Illustrated opposite and on back page.

The Bride and Groom would make a charming wedding gift.

Using white for shoes and also for panties and upper body, make basic doll **No 3**, following instructions as far as ★. Now st-st 14 rows.

Break off white and join on head colour. St-st 4 rows.

Shape shoulders

Next row: K7, (K2tog) twice, K10 (K2tog) twice, K7 — 28 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Now continue to work as given for basic doll **No 3** from ★★ to end.

Make basic arms using white for sleeves. Add basic hair.

Wristbands [make two alike]

Using white cast on 20 sts, then cast off. Sew round lower edges of sleeves, oversewing row ends together at position of sleeve seams.

Neckband

Using white cast on 54 sts, then cast off.

Sew over each arm and around chest, level with last knitted row of white on body and oversewing row ends together at back. Make a 20cm [8in] single twisted white cord, tie in a bow and sew to front of doll just below neckband.

Skirt

Using white, begin at lower edge and cast on 66 sts.

G-st 4 rows, then st-st 9 rows.

G-st 3 rows, then st-st 16 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 44 sts. Cast off. Join row ends. Turn right side out. Sew cast off edge to body all round, level with underarms.

Necklace

Make a 40cm [16in] single twisted white cord. Make single knots close together along the length until there are enough knots to go round doll's neck. Knot ends of yarn together at back of neck and sew them into neck.

Veil

Use white and work in exactly the same way as given for basic hair, but cast on 24 sts instead of 12 sts. Gather up the short set of row ends tightly, fasten off, then sew this portion to centre top of doll's head. Make 2 flowers as for Nurse's bouquet [page 17] using white. Sew them to centre top of head just in front of gathered top of veil as illustrated.

Bouquet

Make flowers as for Nurse's bouquet [page 17]. Make a total of 14 in the desired colours.



Bind, then sew all stalks securely together below flowers.

Use green yarn to make a few loops, sewing them into bouquet for leaves. Trim stalks neatly. Sew in a few green yarn loops to hang down from the bouquet. Sew bouquet to doll's hand.

Groom

Illustrated above and on back page.

Make basic doll **No 2**, using black for boots, with grey for legs and all of body. Make basic arms using grey for sleeves, but do not sew them in place just yet. Make basic boot top piece using grey to match legs. Add basic ears and hair.

Tail coat

Using grey, begin at neck edge and cast on 30 sts.

1st row: K6, inc in next 18 sts, K6 — 48 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 13 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Shape tail

Continue in st-st and cast off 5 sts P wise at beginning of next row, and 5 sts K wise at beginning of the following row — 38 sts.

Now dec 1 st at each end of every following row until 6 sts remain. Cast off P wise.

Dampen the knitted piece and pin it out flat, then leave until dry. At centre back, work a line of black back-stitches up tail for 4cm [1½in]. Oversew through each back-stitch.

Put coat on doll with cast on edge round neck. Fold back top front corners for lapels and catch them in place. Sew remainder of cast on edge to neck.

Sew centre front edges of coat to front of doll so that they just meet. Catch tail of coat to boot top piece at the back. Make a red flower for buttonhole as for flowers in Nurse's bouquet [page 17].

Sew to left lapel, with a tiny loop of green yarn for leaf. Now sew the arms to sides of body, taking stitches through the coat and into body.

Shirt collar

Using white cast on 40 sts. St-st 2 rows, then cast off. Place cast off edge round doll's neck

and catch row ends of this edge together at centre front. Sew cast on edge to head, except for a small portion at each centre front, which will later be turned down to form the wing collar points.

Cravat

Using light blue cast on 6 sts.

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

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

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 2 sts. Fasten off the 2 sts.

Sew cravat to doll's body at front between coat lapels as illustrated. For a tie pin, work a few stitches at centre of cravat in gold, to form a dot. Now catch collar points to the cravat.

Top hat

For the main piece, begin at lower edge and using grey cast on 63 sts.

St-st 13 rows, then g-st 3 rows.

Now work as for Bell-boy's hat [page 16] from ★ to ★★.

Using grey, make brim as for Clown's hat brim [page 5].

Oversew row ends of main piece together and turn right side out. Oversew row ends of brim together. Oversew cast off edge of brim to cast on edge of main piece. Stuff top of hat. Sew to doll's head through lower edge of main piece. To keep top of hat flat, refer to instructions for Toy Soldier's hat [page 7].

Superkid

Illustrated below.

Gift for a child.

Make basic doll **No 2**, using yellow for the boots, with blue for legs and all of body. Make basic arms using blue for sleeves. Add basic cuffs using red. Make basic boot top piece using red, but sew it round lower edge of legs level with top edge of boots.

Add basic ears and hair. Make basic belt using red and sew in place on body under the arms.

Belt motif

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

Use red yarn to work the letter S on the motif in short back-stitches, in the position shown in the illustration. Oversew through each back-stitch to make a well-defined line. Sew the motif to doll as illustrated.

Cape

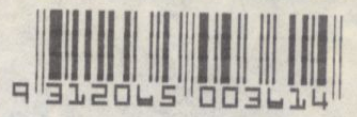
Using yellow begin at lower edge and cast on 30 sts.

G-st 34 rows.

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

Make two 12cm [4¾in] single twisted yellow cords. Sew one to each end of cast off edge. Tie in a bow at front of neck.





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