

Jean Greenhowe's Scarecrow Family

Seven knitted dolls and baby's pushchair



DOUBLE KNITTING YARN

Notes

Children (and adults too!) will love this irresistible family of dolls which are all easy to make from oddments of double knitting yarn. There are seven dolls, covering three generations — Grandpa Septimus and Grandma Selina, then Sam and Sally, with their children Sonny and Susie (the twins) and the youngest member of the family, baby Sunshine.

Each doll comes complete with lots of interesting detail and little creatures from nature. Baby Sunshine even has a small bird's nest pushchair with some knitted leaves providing a cosy coverlet.

Happy knitting!

Jean

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 = millimetres; P = purl; Sl 1 = slip 1 stitch; st[s] = stitch[es]; st-st = stocking stitch [K on the right side and P on the wrong side]; tog = together.

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.



A star is 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 sizes

Worked at a tension of 26 sts to measure 10cm [4in] in width over st-st and before stuffing, the dolls will make up to the measurements quoted in the individual instructions.

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.

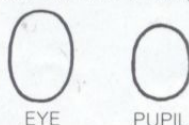
Making up

Join all seams having right sides of work together and back-stitching 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.

Felt eyes

Before cutting the eyes from felt, first spread back of felt with adhesive, work into the felt with the fingertips, then leave to dry. Trace eye patterns off the page onto thin note paper then cut out. Use a dab of adhesive to attach the required pattern to glued side of felt. Cut out felt level with the pattern. Peel away the pattern before adhesive dries.

PATTERNS FOR FELT EYES (adult dolls)



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, cut a strand of yarn three 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. Insert finger into loop and twist yarn round and round in a clockwise direction, until it begins to curl tightly back on itself when relaxed. 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 length of yarn is specified.

Pom-poms

For large pom-poms, use the card circle method. For small pom-poms proceed as follows. Wind yarn a number of times around two fingers. About thirty times is enough to make a 2cm [¾in] diameter pom-pom. Pull loops off fingers and cut through twice to form separate short strands. Knot a length of matching yarn tightly round centre of strands. Grip this yarn length close to the knot, then use sharp scissors to clip the strands to even lengths all over.

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 dolls which appear in this booklet are: knitting yarn, polyester stuffing, felt and glue. 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 dolls always use large glass-headed or plastic-headed pins. Ordinary pins should not be used as they can pass into a knitted doll 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 doll, sew through the bow so that it can not be undone if pulled.

After making the loop stitch hair, ankle and wrist fringes for Sam and Grandpa, use matching sewing thread to machine stitch through the pieces at the cast off edges, to ensure that individual strands can not be pulled out. If you do not have a sewing machine, then oversew along cast off edges, taking care to catch all loops as you go.

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; a pair of 3mm [old UK size No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; good quality washable stuffing [amounts required are quoted in individual instructions]; scraps of blue and black felt for the adult dolls' eyes; a red colouring pencil for shading cheeks; adhesive such as UHU all purpose glue [USA, Slomons].

Sam

Illustrated on opposite page

34cm [13½in] in height

Notes

170 grams [6 ounces] of stuffing required. When knitting the sleeves and the coat pieces, make sure you have about 40 grams [1½ ounces] of yarn on hand in order to complete the coat in the same colour.

Pants, body and head

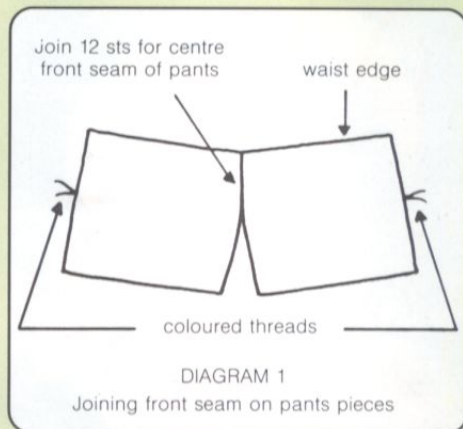
Pants pieces [make two alike]

These are knitted sideways so that the stripes are vertical on the finished doll. Note that P side of knitting is the right side when making up the pants.

Using black cast on 26 sts and st-st 2 rows. Join on grey and st-st 2 rows using grey.

Repeat the last 4 rows 9 more times. Cast off loosely.

Join the pants pieces to each other at one cast on and one cast off edge for 12 sts only, to form centre front seam of the pants as shown in *diagram 1*. Mark the other cast on and cast off edges with coloured threads, 12 sts down from the waist edge as shown in *diagram 1* also. At this stage the pants pieces will appear to be rather short, but they will stretch to the correct length when made up and stuffed.



Body and head

Begin at waist edge of body and using red cast on 50 sts. St-st 16 rows.

Shape shoulders

Next row: K7, (K2tog) 6 times, K12, (K2tog) 6 times, K7 — 38 sts.

P 1 row, then break off red and join on cream for head. St-st 2 rows.

Shape head

Next row: K10, inc into each of next 18 sts, K10 — 56 sts. St-st 35 rows.

Shape top of head

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

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end then thread it loosely through remaining sts.



To make up pants, body and head pieces

Mark centre of cast on edge of body with a coloured thread. Now oversew this edge to waist edge of pants pieces, matching coloured thread on body to centre front seam on pants. Join row ends of head and body, leaving a gap in body seam for turning and stuffing, then join pants pieces from waist edge as far as the coloured threads. Now bring cast on and cast off edges of each pants piece together and join these to form pants legs.

Turn doll right side out and stuff body and lower portion of head through gap in body seam. Ladder stitch the gap. To shape the neck, use a double strand of cream yarn and gather round first knitted row of cream on the head. Pull up the gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn, then sew ends into neck.

Now continue stuffing head through opening at top. Pull up the length of yarn tightly then fasten off. Stuff legs through lower edges of pants, allowing them to stretch to length as you stuff.

Boots [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge of sole and using black cast on 26 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 52 sts.

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

Break off black and join on tan then st-st 8 rows.

Shape top of boot

Next row: K10, (K2tog) 16 times, K10 — 36 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K8, (K2tog) 10 times, K8 — 26 sts. St-st 2 rows then cast off.

To make up

Join row ends of each boot then oversew across cast on edge. Turn right side out and stuff. Lap and pin lower edges of pants legs just over cast off edges of boots, having toes of boots pointing away from each other as shown in the illustration. Slip stitch pants to boots as pinned, pushing in more stuffing as necessary to make ankles firm.

Mouth and eyes

Use a strand of red yarn for mouth. Work an uneven V-shape with a small gap at centre, having lower point of the V six knitted sts up from the head inc row. Work a small stitch at each corner of the mouth.

Cut two pupils from black felt and two eyes from blue felt using the patterns. Stick the pieces together in pairs, with lower edges of pupils and eyes level. Glue eyes to face 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] up from corners of the mouth, placing them 2.5cm [1in] apart.

Carrot nose

Using orange cast on 8 sts and st-st 2 rows. Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next row and then the following alternate row — 4 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) twice — 2 sts.

Break off yarn and fasten off the 2 remaining sts.

To make up

Oversew row ends together having P side of knitting on the inside. Turn nose right side out and stuff. Sew the cast on edge to face as illustrated. Colour cheeks.

Hat and hair

Hat crown

Using light green cast on 72 sts and g-st 30 rows.

Shape top

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 54 sts. G-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 36 sts. K 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 18 sts. Break off yarn leaving a long end then thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Hat brim

Using light green cast on 126 sts and g-st 14 rows.

Next row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 108 sts.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 72 sts. Cast off.

Hat band

Using red cast on 74 sts. K 1 row then cast off.

Hair

Using yellow cast on 72 sts.

1st row: K1; (insert right hand needle K wise into next st, place first two fingers of left hand at back of st, wind yarn anti-clockwise round needle and fingers twice, then round tip of right hand needle only, draw through the 3 loops) repeat until 1 st remains, K1.

2nd [dec and cast off] row: K1; (K3tog pulling loops down firmly as you go, pass first st on right hand needle over second st thus casting it off) repeat to last st, K1, then cast off last st.

To make up hat and hair

Oversew row ends of hat crown piece together for 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] in from each end. Note that the gap in this seam is to allow for inserting the mouse later on. Oversew row ends of hat brim together. Now oversew cast off edge of brim to cast on edge of crown.

Oversew row ends of hair together and cut through all the loops to form single strands.

Oversew cast off edge of hair to cast off edge of hat brim. Place completed hat on doll's head with gap in hat crown seam at the front. Catch hat to head through lower edge of crown. Oversew row ends of the hat band together and sew it round lower edge of the crown.

Belt

Using dark green cast on 50 sts and st-st 5 rows then cast off.

Oversew row ends together then put belt on the doll placing seam at centre back and having upper edge of belt lapping over first knitted row of red on the body. Sew in place.

Buckle

Using yellow cast on 26 sts then cast off.

Oversew row ends together then sew buckle to front of belt forming to shape as shown in the illustration.

Bow tie

Using light blue cast on 36 sts then cast off.

Form into a bow shape and sew to front of chest under the chin.

Sleeves and mittens

Sleeves [make two alike]

Begin at wrist edge and using blue cast on 22 sts.

G-st 26 rows.

Shape top

Continue in g-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows — 26 sts. Continue in g-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 6 sts remain. Cast off.

Mittens [make two alike]

Begin at wrist edge and using grey cast on 20 sts.

St-st 4 rows.

Shape thumb

Continue in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of next 3 rows — 26 sts.

St-st 3 rows then dec 1 st at each end of next row — 24 sts.

Next row: P3tog, P18, P3tog — 20 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 10 sts.

Cast off P wise.

To make up

Oversew row ends of each sleeve together except for shaped portion at top. Turn right side out. Join row ends of each mitten and oversew across cast off sts. Turn right side out and stuff.

Oversew cast on edges of sleeves to cast on edges of mittens, making sure that thumbs will be pointing upwards when sleeves are sewn in place. Stuff sleeves then sew the open edges to sides of doll, placing cast off edges of sleeves 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] below neck.

Coat

Fronts [make two pieces alike]

Begin at shoulder edge and using blue cast on 16 sts.

G-st 30 rows. Mark each end of last row with a coloured thread.

G-st a further 24 rows ★.

Cast off.

Back [make two pieces alike]

Work as for fronts as far as ★.

Shape coat tail

Next row: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Next row: K.

Repeat these 2 rows 12 more times — 3 sts.

Next row: K3tog, then fasten off.

Buttons [make four alike]

Using light blue cast on 12 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end, thread it through remaining sts, then pull up tightly and fasten off.

To make up

Oversew the long straight row ends of coat back pieces together from the cast on edges for 10cm [4in] only, as shown in *diagram 2*.

Oversew the coat front pieces to back pieces at sides below the coloured threads only, leaving the rows above coloured threads open for the armholes, as shown in *diagram 2*.

Oversew the shoulder edges of front and back pieces together for 2.5cm [1in] only as shown in *diagram 3*. Turn coat right side out.

Fold back the upper corners of fronts to form lapels then catch them in place. Oversew row ends of each button together. Work a cross stitch in black at centre of each button. Sew two buttons to right front of coat and one on each side of centre back seam at waist level. Work two straight black stitches on left front coat for buttonholes, to correspond with positions of buttons on right front. Put coat on the doll and slip stitch the armhole edges to the sleeves.

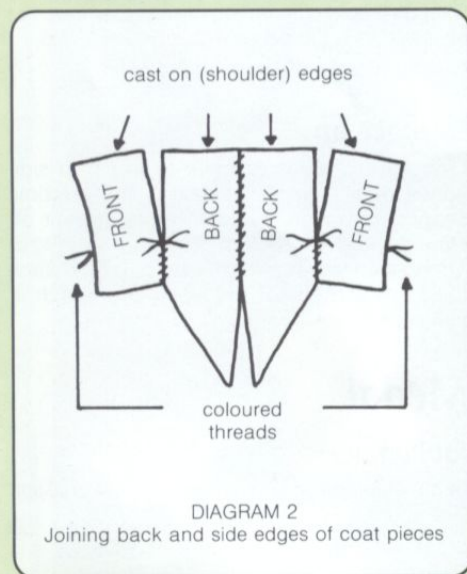


DIAGRAM 2
Joining back and side edges of coat pieces

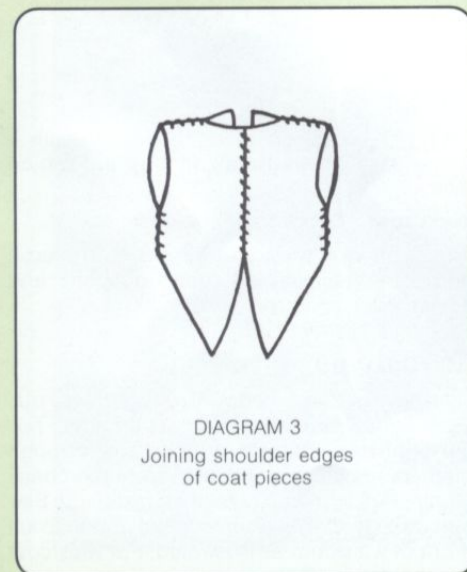


DIAGRAM 3
Joining shoulder edges
of coat pieces

Ankle fringes [make two alike]

Using yellow cast on 34 sts. Work the two rows of loop stitch as given for the hair [page 4], but wind yarn round one finger instead of two. Oversew row ends of each fringe together and cut through all the loops. Slip stitch fringes in place round the doll's ankles.

Wrist fringes

[make two alike]

Using yellow cast on 26 sts. Work as for ankle fringes and sew in place round the doll's wrists.

Flower in lapel

Stalk and leaves

Using light green cast on 28 sts then cast off.

Flower

Using yellow cast on 20 sts.

1st row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

2nd row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end then thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

To make up

Oversew row ends of flower together and work a few stitches in green at centre of flower. Form one end of the light green strip into two loops for the leaf shapes, leaving the other end for the stalk. Sew this piece to back of flower then sew flower to left lapel.

Robin

Body and head

Using brown begin at lower edge and cast on 8 sts.

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

Now work in st-st, shaping tail end of body by inc 1 st at each end of next 3 rows — 22 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K3tog, K16, K3tog — 18 sts.

Next row: P3tog, P12, P3tog — 14 sts.

Shape neck

Next row: K5, (K2tog) twice, K5 — 12 sts.
St-st 4 rows for head.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end then thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Oversew row ends together leaving cast on edge open. Turn right side out and stuff.

Using a strand of black yarn, work dots for eyes and a double loop of yarn for beak, securing ends of yarn in the stuffing at the open lower edge. Put a dab of adhesive on the beak loops and pinch into a pointed shape. Gather round the cast on sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

Breast

Using red 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 breast to front of robin's chest.

Wings [make two alike]

Using brown, work as for breast as far as ★. St-st 5 more rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 3 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end then thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew wings to sides of robin having cast on edges level with sides of breast.

Tail

Using brown cast on 6 sts and st-st 5 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 3 sts. Cast off.

Sew cast off edge to tail end of body.

Feet

The foot stitches are worked on the doll's sleeve using fawn yarn. Work three stitches for each foot, fanning out from a centre point, and having feet side by side. Sew robin in place on the doll's sleeve so that feet are visible in front of the robin's breast.

Mouse

Begin at tail end and using fawn cast on 12 sts, leaving a long end of yarn for making the tail later on.

St-st 12 rows.

Shape head

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

Break off yarn leaving a long end and thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Oversew row ends together leaving cast on edge open. Turn right side out and stuff. Work eyes as for the robin and a couple of stitches in black also for nose.

For the ears use double fawn yarn and work a small loop behind each eye. To secure these loops, sew them to head at lower edge with sewing thread.

Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Twist the length of yarn for tail and allow it to curl up tightly, making the tail 7cm [3in] in length. Sew in the end of yarn.

Put the mouse inside the gap at front of the doll's hat and sew it to the head.

Ladybird

Using red cast on 3 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 6 sts.
St-st 4 rows.

Break off red and join on black then st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 3 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, then gather all round edges of knitted piece.

Pull up gathers tightly at the same time stuffing the centre, then fasten off.

Work a long stitch in black yarn down centre back of the red body, then work a black spot on either side of this line.

For the eyes work small stitches on the black head using white sewing thread. Sew the ladybird to toe of the doll's boot.

Grandpa

Illustrated on opposite page
34cm [13½in] in height

Note

170 grams [6 ounces] of stuffing required.

Pants, body and head

Pants pieces

Knit and make up as for Sam [page 2], using two different tweedy yarns such as brown mixture and grey mixture.

Body and head

Knit and make up as for Sam [page 2], using green for the body and cream for the head.

Boots

Knit and make up as for Sam [page 4], using black for the soles and brown for the boot tops.

Carrot nose

Knit and make up as for Sam [page 4]. Sew to face about half way down.

Eyes

Cut two pupils from black felt. Glue them in place above nose and two knitted sts apart. Colour cheeks.

Moustache

Using yellow cast on 8 sts.

Work the two rows of loop stitch as given for Sam's hair [page 4], but wind yarn round one finger instead of two. Cut through all loops to form separate strands. Use sewing thread to sew across the cast off edge to make sure that individual strands can not be pulled out. Sew cast off edge of moustache under the nose.

Hair

Using yellow cast on 60 sts. Work the two rows of loop stitch in same way as for Sam's hair [page 4]. Cut through loops and lay aside until required.

Peaked cap

Cap

Using blue begin at lower edge and cast on 80 sts.
G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K3, inc in next st) to end — 100 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 9 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K8, K2tog) to end — 90 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K7, K2tog) to end — 80 sts.

5th row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 70 sts.

7th row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 60 sts.

9th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 50 sts.

11th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

13th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

15th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

17th row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Oversew row ends together and turn right side out.

Peak [make two pieces alike]

Using blue cast on 30 sts and st-st 4 rows.

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of the next 6 rows — 18 sts. Cast off.

Cap button

Using blue cast on 14 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Join row ends. Turn right side out.

To make up

Join the cap peak pieces, leaving the cast on edges open. Turn right side out. Oversew the cast on edges of peak pieces together. Sew this edge of peak to the g-st border on the cap at front.

Stuff the cap button lightly. Gather round the cast on sts. Pull up tightly and fasten off then sew through centre of button and back again to flatten it. Fasten off. Sew button to centre top of cap.

Pin cast off edge of hair just inside g-st border on the cap, having ends of the hair strip meeting ends of cap peak. Sew cast off edge of hair in place. Stuff cap round the straight st-st portion above g-st border. Place cap on doll's head as illustrated. Sew cap to head through the cast on edge.

Knee patch

Using blue cast on 8 sts and st-st 9 rows. Cast off. Sew patch to one knee, then work large oversewing stitches in red yarn round the edges.

Belt and buckle

Knit and make up as for Sam [page 4], using light blue for belt and black for the buckle.

Arms [make two alike]

Using fawn begin at lower edge of hand and cast on 12 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 17 rows.

Break off fawn and join on green for sleeve. St-st 18 rows.

Shape top

Continue in st-st and cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 20 sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until 6 sts remain. Cast off.

To make up

Join row ends of each arm as far as the top shaping.

Oversew across cast on sts of each hand. Turn arms right side out and stuff. Sew open edges of sleeves to sides of doll, placing cast off edges of sleeves level with shoulder dec row on the body.

Waistcoat

Back

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

G-st 20 rows. Continue in g-st.

Shape armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 24 sts.

G-st 28 more rows then cast off.

Left front

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 17 sts.

G-st 20 rows ★. Continue in g-st.

Shape armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next row.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 2 rows — 12 sts.

G-st 28 more rows then cast off.

Right front

Work as for left front as far as ★.

Continue in g-st.

Work 1 row.

Shape armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next row. Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 2 rows — 12 sts.

G-st 28 more rows then cast off.

To make up

Oversew row ends of back to fronts at side edges of the pieces as far as the armhole shaping. Oversew back to fronts at cast off shoulder edges for 1.5cm [¾in] only, starting at armhole edges. Turn right side out. Turn back top front corners for the lapels and catch in place.

Medal

Ribbon

Begin at top edge and using grey cast on 6 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Break off grey and join on dark blue. G-st 7 rows.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through sts, pull up tightly and fasten off, but do not break yarn as this can be used to sew on the medal.

Medal

Using grey cast on 14 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 6 rows. Break off grey and join on black.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off

To make up

Join row ends of medal. Turn right side out. Stuff lightly. Gather round cast on edge, pull up tightly and fasten off, then sew through gathers at centre of medal to front then back again. Pull tight to flatten, then fasten off. Sew ribbon to medal. Sew top edge of ribbon to left front of waistcoat as illustrated. Put waistcoat on the doll.



Ankle and wrist fringes

Knit and sew in place as for Sam [page 5].

Scarf

This is knitted from six different coloured lengths of yarn knotted together. Cut the yarn into 30cm [12in] lengths and knot them together in this order — red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple. Continue this sequence, knotting on lengths of yarn until the scarf is completed.

Cast on 8 sts and work in g-st until scarf measures 46cm [18in] from the beginning. Cast off. Add yarn fringe to each end of the scarf.

Snail

Shell

Using brown cast on 12 sts and st-st 19 rows.
Next row: K. Cast off.

To make up

Gather up the cast on edge tightly and fasten off. Roll up the knitted piece tightly across the width and sew the row ends in place. Roll up the shell tightly, starting at the gathered end. Sew through the shell with matching yarn to hold it in the rolled up shape. The curly shell shape can be emphasised by marking where it is rolled-up with a permanent black marker pen.

Body

Begin at tail end and using grey cast on 2 sts. St-st 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row — 4 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row — 6 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through sts, pull up tightly and fasten off but do not break yarn.

To make up

Having right side of st-st outside, use the length of yarn to oversew row ends together, starting at head end and stuffing the body as you go. Sew body underneath the shell. Use black sewing thread to work two dots for eyes.

For the horns, thread a darning needle with a length of grey yarn and knot ends together. Trim off ends of yarn close to knot. Pass needle through top of snail's head and knot yarn again about 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] away from first knot. Trim off yarn ends close to second knot. Sew the yarn strands to head with sewing thread to secure. Put a dab of adhesive on each horn and twist with the fingertips to stiffen. Sew snail to peak of doll's cap.

Walking stick

Make in the same way as for the baby's pushchair handle [page 19], using a 15cm [6in] long plait. Curve round one end and sew to doll's hand.

Sally

Illustrated on opposite page
32cm [12 $\frac{1}{2}$ in] in height

Note

145 grams [5 ounces] of stuffing required, plus a 14cm [5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in] length of narrow white tape.

Legs, body and head

Right leg

Begin at lower edge of right shoe sole and using black cast on 25 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 50 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows. Break off black and join on red then st-st 6 rows.

Break off red and join on light blue for stocking, then st-st 2 rows ★.

Shape top of foot

Next row: K5, (K2tog) 16 times, K13 — 34 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K4, (K2tog) 9 times, K12 — 25 sts.

St-st 29 rows then break off yarn and leave sts on a spare needle.

Left leg

Work as for right leg as far as ★.

Shape top of foot

Next row: K13, (K2tog) 16 times, K5 — 34 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K12, (K2tog) 9 times, K4 — 25 sts.

St-st 29 rows then break off light blue and join on light yellow for lower body [panties].

Body and head

Having right side of work facing and using light yellow, K across the 25 sts of left leg, then across the 25 sts of right leg on the spare needle — 50 sts.

St-st 15 rows.

Break off light yellow and join on blue for upper body [bodice] then st-st 18 rows.

Shape shoulders

Next row: K7, (K2tog) 6 times, K12, (K2tog) 6 times, K7 — 38 sts.

P 1 row, then break off blue and join on cream for head.

St-st 2 rows.

Shape head

Next row: K10, inc into each of next 18 sts, K10 — 56 sts.

St-st 35 rows.

Shape top of head

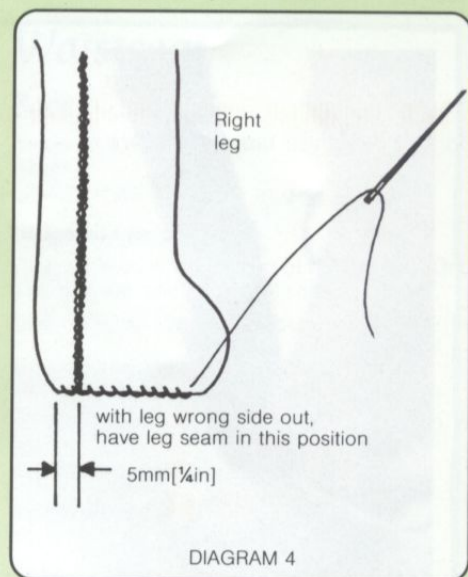
Next row: (K2tog) to end — 28 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end, then thread it loosely through remaining sts.

To make up legs, body and head

Join row ends of head and body, leaving a gap in body seam for turning and stuffing. Join row ends of each leg piece. With front of body towards you, bring cast on sts of right shoe together, having leg seam in the position



shown in *diagram 4*. Note that the right leg will appear to be the left leg at this stage, until the doll is turned right side out. Oversew across the cast on sts as shown in *diagram 4*.

Oversew cast on sts of left shoe in same way, reversing position of leg seam. Turn doll right side out and stuff shoes, legs, then body and lower portion of head.

Ladder stitch gap in body seam. To shape the neck, use a double strand of cream yarn and gather round the first knitted row of cream on the head. Pull up the gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn, then sew ends into neck. Now continue stuffing head through opening at top. Pull up the length of yarn tightly then fasten off.

Panty frills [make two alike]

Using light yellow, begin at upper edge of frill and cast on 28 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 56 sts.

★ **2nd row:** K1, (pass yarn under and over right hand needle to make a st, K2tog) to last st, K1.

G-st 2 rows then cast off.

To make up

Oversew row ends of each frill together. Place frills on doll's legs, then sew cast on edges to first row of light yellow on body.

Shoe straps [make two alike]

Using red cast on 36 sts and st-st 2 rows. Cast off P wise. Oversew row ends of each strap together. Place straps around ankles and sew in place, having the strap seams touching shoes at centre back.

Skirt

Using purple, begin at lower edge and cast on 130 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Now work in st-st, joining on and breaking off colours as required and working in two row stripes as follows:

Work 2 rows each of blue, green, yellow, orange, red and purple ★.

Repeat this sequence of 6 stripes once, then work 2 rows each of blue, green, yellow and orange.

Next row: Using red, (K2tog) to end — 65 sts. Continue in red and g-st 2 rows, then cast off.









To make up

Dampen hem edge of skirt thoroughly, lay it flat and leave until dry. Join row ends of skirt, then turn right side out. Sew cast off edge in place on doll at the first row of blue on the body, having skirt seam at centre back.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge of hand and using cream cast on 11sts.

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

Beginning with a P row, st-st 13 rows.

Break off cream and join on blue for sleeve. St-st 18 rows.

Shape top

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of the next and the following 6 alternate rows — 8 sts.

Cast off.

To make up

Join row ends of each arm as far as the top shaping. Oversew across cast on sts of each hand. Turn arms right side out and stuff. Sew open edges of sleeves to sides of doll, placing cast off edges of sleeves just below neck.

Gather a single strand of cream yarn round last row of cream on each hand. Pull up yarn to gather slightly and knot ends. Sew ends into arms.

Wrist frills [make two alike]

Using blue, begin at upper edge of frill and cast on 20 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 40 sts.

Now work as for panty frills from ★ to end [page 8].

To make up

Oversew row ends of each frill together then sew cast on edges round wrists.

Mouth and eyes

Work mouth stitches and make eyes in same way as for Sam [page 4].

Carrot nose

Using orange cast on 6 sts and st-st 2 rows. Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next row and then the following alternate row — 2 sts.

Break off yarn and fasten off the 2 remaining sts.

To make up

Oversew row ends together having P side of knitting on the inside. Turn nose right side out and stuff. Sew the cast on edge to face as illustrated. Colour cheeks.

Hair

For the fringe, sew a few looped strands of yellow yarn to forehead to hang down above the eyes. Cut through loops above the eyes.

For the remainder of hair, cut about one hundred 33cm [13in] lengths of yellow yarn. Machine stitch or hand sew centre of yarn lengths to the length of white tape, leaving 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] of tape uncovered at each end. Turn in ends of tape and pin one end to forehead 4cm [$1\frac{1}{2}$ in] in front of gathered top of head. Pin other end of tape to centre back of head above neck. Sew to head through stitching line on the tape.

Take a long strand of yellow yarn through a couple of the knitted sts at each side of the head, level with the nose. Gather the strands of hair to sides of head and tie them tightly together with the lengths of yarn. Trim ends of hair evenly.

Hat

Work in double yarn throughout for all the hat pieces.

Brim

Using two strands of different shades of fawn yarn together, cast on 7 sts.

1st row: K6, turn,

2nd row: K to end.

3rd and 4th rows: K.

Repeat these 4 rows 51 more times then cast off.

Side piece

Using double yarn as for brim, cast on 8 sts and g-st until work measures 29cm [$11\frac{1}{2}$ in] from the beginning. Cast off.

Top piece

Using double yarn as for brim, cast on 64 sts and K 1 row.

Next row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 56 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 48 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 40 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 32 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 24 sts. G-st 2 rows.

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

Break off yarns leaving long ends. Thread through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

To make up

Oversew cast on and cast off edges of brim together. Oversew cast on and cast off edges of side piece together. Oversew inner edge of brim to one long edge of side piece.

Oversew row ends of the top piece together. Oversew outer edge of the top piece, to upper edge of the side piece.

Place hat on the doll's head as illustrated then sew to head round the lower edge of the side piece.

Hat band and bow

For the band, use red and cast on 70 sts then st-st 3 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together noting that P side of knitting is right side. Sew band in place at lower edge of hat side piece.

For the bow, use red and cast on 30 sts then st-st 3 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together as for band. Flatten bow and oversew round centre, then sew to centre back of hat band.

Flowers

Make one white, one orange and one light blue.

For the flower cast on 5 sts.

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

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts.

5th row: K1, (pass yarn under and over right hand needle to make a st, K2tog) to last st, K1.

7th row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

9th row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Gather up cast on edge tightly and fasten off. Oversew row ends of flower together having K side outside. Flatten the flower by bringing the gathered up rows together. Work a few stitches in yellow at centre, through both thicknesses.

For each leaf [make four] use green and cast on 5 sts.

St-st 10 rows.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Note that P side is the right side.

Sew a pair of leaves to the backs of two flowers. Sew flowers to hat as illustrated.

Bee

Begin at front of bee and using yellow cast on 4 sts.

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

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

Break off yellow and join on dark brown and continue in st-st.

Joining and breaking yarns as required, work 6 rows, working single alternate rows of dark brown and yellow.

Continue in yellow.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, then gather all round edges of knitted piece. Stuff centre of bee then pull up gathers tightly, tucking in all the joined on ends of yarn. Fasten off.

Use black sewing thread to work dots for the eyes and a small V-shape for the mouth.

For the wings use double white yarn and work a loop at each side of body. Use sewing thread to catch the loops to body where they pass through the knitted sts. Sew bee to the doll's hat as illustrated.

Shawl

Using red cast on 80 sts.

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

Place shawl around doll's shoulders, turning in the cast on edge slightly at back of neck. Sew the points in place at front near to top edge of the skirt.

Brooch

Using yellow cast on 20 sts and K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 10 sts, K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 5 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Oversew row ends together. Use red yarn to work the letter 'S' in back stitch on the brooch, then work back, oversewing through each stitch. Sew brooch to doll, to cover points of shawl at front.

Neck bow

Using light blue, make a 20cm [8in] long twisted cord from double yarn. Knot ends, then tie in a bow and sew to doll at centre front close to neck.

Basket

Work in double yarn throughout for all the basket pieces.

Base

Using two strands of different shades of fawn yarn together, cast on 8 sts.

G-st 18 rows then cast off.

Side piece

Using double yarn as for base, cast on 44 sts and g-st 8 rows. Cast off.

Handle

Using double yarn as for base, cast on 4 sts and g-st 46 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Oversew row ends of side piece together. Oversew cast off edge of side piece round the edges of the base. Sew ends of handle to sides of basket at cast on edge. Sew the handle to the doll's hand.

Mushrooms

[to fill basket, make six]

Mushroom top

Using brown cast on 8 sts loosely.

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

Break off brown and join on cream then st-st 6 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Stalk

Using cream, cast on 8 sts and st-st 4 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Join row ends of mushroom top, turn right side out and stuff firmly. Roll up stalk across the width of the knitting and sew row ends in place. Push cast off edge of stalk just inside cast on edge of mushroom top and sew in place.

Grandma

Illustrated on page 14

32cm [12½in] in height

Note

145 grams [5 ounces] of stuffing required.

Legs, body and head

Knit and make up as for Sally [page 8], using the following colours of yarn. Black for shoe soles, dark blue for shoes, red for stockings, light yellow for panties, red for bodice and cream for head.

Panty frills

Knit and make up as for Sally [page 8], using light yellow.

Shoe straps

Knit and make up as for Sally [page 8], using dark blue.

Skirt

Work as given for Sally as far as ★ [page 8].

Join on yellow and continue in st-st, working 20 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 65 sts.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Make up and sew in place as for Sally.

Arms

Knit and make up as for Sally [page 12], using cream for hands and red for sleeves.

Wrist frills

Knit and make up as for Sally [page 12], using light blue.

Apron

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

G-st 6 rows.

Now work 15 rows st-st, but K the first and the last st on every P row.

Shape for waist

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 18 sts.

St-st 11 rows for the bib, but K the first and the last st on every P row as before.

G-st 4 rows then cast off.

Neck strap

Using blue cast on 44 sts and g-st 5 rows. Cast off.

Waistband

Using blue cast on 86 sts and g-st 5 rows. Cast off.

Pocket

Using blue begin at lower edge and cast on 8 sts.

Work 7 rows in st-st, but K the first and the last st on every P row.

G-st 2 rows then cast off.

To make up

Sew pocket to apron. Sew centre portion of the waistband to the bib portion of apron, having cast on edge of waistband level with waist dec row on the bib.

Put waistband around the doll and overlap ends of waistband at back to fit. Sew around the overlapped ends at centre back, pulling tight to gather up.

Put the neck strap around doll's neck with cast off edge against the neck. Tuck ends inside top edge of apron bib. Sew bib to strap ends. Sew bib to doll level with lower edge of waistband.

Buttons [make two alike]

Knit and make up as for the twins' buttons [page 17], using yellow. Sew to top corners of apron bib.

Handkerchief

Using red cast on 8 sts and g-st 14 rows. Cast off.

Put handkerchief in apron pocket.

Carrot nose

Knit and make up as for Sally [page 12]. Sew to face a little more than half way down.

Mouth

Work mouth stitches in same way as for Sam [page 4]

Eyes

Cut two pupils from black felt. Glue them in place above nose and two knitted sts apart. Colour cheeks.

Hair

Cut twenty 46cm [18in] lengths of yellow yarn. Tie them together at centres with a length of yellow yarn.

Sew the tied centre to forehead 4cm [1½in] above the eyes. Take strands of yarn down to sides of head level with mouth, then bring them together at centre back of head above neck. Tie them together here with a strand of yarn, then sew to head at this position. Trim ends evenly. Sew yarn strands to sides of head.

Bonnet

Front piece

Begin at face edge and using green cast on 70 sts.

G-st 9 rows for bonnet brim.

Next row: Sl 1, K to end.

Next row: Sl 1, K1, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Repeat these two rows 17 more times.

Shape back

Next row: Sl 1, K14, (K2tog) 20 times, K15 — 50 sts.

Cast off.

Back piece

Using green begin at lower edge and cast on 8 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Next row: K1, inc in next st, K to last 3 sts, inc in next st, K2 — 10 sts.

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

Next row: K1, inc in next st, K to last 3 sts, inc in next st, K2 — 12 sts.

Repeat from ★ twice more — 16 sts.

St-st 9 rows.





Shape top

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next and the following alternate row — 12 sts.

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

Bonnet frill

Using light blue cast on 50 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 100 sts.

Now work as for Sally's panty frills from ★ to end [page 8].

To make up

Having the bonnet front piece wrong side up and on a flat surface, fold the g-st bonnet brim underneath to right side. Leave in this position when sewing on the frill. Gather up row ends of the frill tightly and fasten off. Sew cast on edge of frill to wrong side of bonnet front piece, so that cast off edge of frill is level with the folded edge of bonnet brim.

Now pin centre of the cast off edge of bonnet front piece to centre of cast off edge of the back piece. Oversew cast off edge of front piece to cast off edge and also the row ends of the back piece. Oversew row ends of the g-st bonnet brim in place to hold in folded back position.

Make two 18cm [7in] long twisted cords from double green yarn. Sew one end of each cord to bonnet for the neck ties, level with cast on edge of frill. Put bonnet on the doll, tie cords under chin in a bow, sew through bow to secure, then catch bonnet to head.

Make a bee as given for Sally [page 12], and sew to brim of bonnet.

Umbrella

Handle

Using double black yarn, cast on 34 sts. Continue in double yarn and st-st 3 rows. Cast off.

Umbrella top

Using red cast on 10 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. Work 26 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 40 sts. G-st 3 rows then cast off.

Patch

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

To make up

Oversew long edges of handle together having K side of work outside and pulling oversewing stitches tightly at one end to curve for top end of handle.

Oversew the row ends of umbrella top together. Turn right side out. Push handle inside, having lower end protruding 1cm [$\frac{1}{2}$ in] through cast on edge of umbrella top. Sew cast on edge to handle. Stuff umbrella lightly, keeping handle at centre. Use red yarn to gather round last row of rib, pull tight and fasten off.

Make a 23cm [9in] long twisted cord from a single strand of green yarn and tie it around gathers in a bow. Sew patch to umbrella, then work large oversewing stitches in black yarn round the edges of patch. Sew handle to doll's hand.

The Twins

Illustrated on page 15
28cm [11in] in height

Note

85 grams [3 ounces] of stuffing required for each doll.

Special note

The colours of yarn required for Sonny are given first, followed by colours used for Susie in square brackets. Where only one colour is mentioned, this is used for both dolls.

Basic doll Legs, body and head

Right leg

Begin at lower edge of right boot and using black cast on 20 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 40 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows. Break off black and join on green [red].

St-st 6 rows ★.

Shape top of boot

Next row: K4, (K2tog) 12 times, K12 — 28 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K4, (K2tog) 6 times, K12 — 22 sts.

Break off green [red] and join on yellow [light blue] for sock. Continue in st-st and work 17 rows. Break off yellow [light blue] and leave sts on a spare needle.

Left leg

Work as for right leg as far as ★.

Shape top of boot

Next row: K12, (K2tog) 12 times, K4 — 28 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K12, (K2tog) 6 times, K4 — 22 sts.

Break off green [red] and join on yellow [light blue] for sock. Continue in st-st and work 17 rows. Break off yellow [light blue] and join on light blue [red] for lower body.

Body and head

Having right side of work facing and using light blue [red], K across the 22 sts of left leg, then across the 22 sts of right leg on the spare needle — 44 sts.

St-st 13 rows. Break off light blue [red] and join on red [blue] for upper body.

St-st 14 rows.

Shape shoulders

Next row: K7, (K2tog) 5 times, K10, (K2tog) 5 times, K7 — 34 sts.

P 1 row, then break off red [blue] and join on cream for head. St-st 2 rows.

Shape head

Next row: K8, inc into each of next 18 sts, K8 — 52 sts.

St-st 33 rows.

Shape top of head

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

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 13 sts.

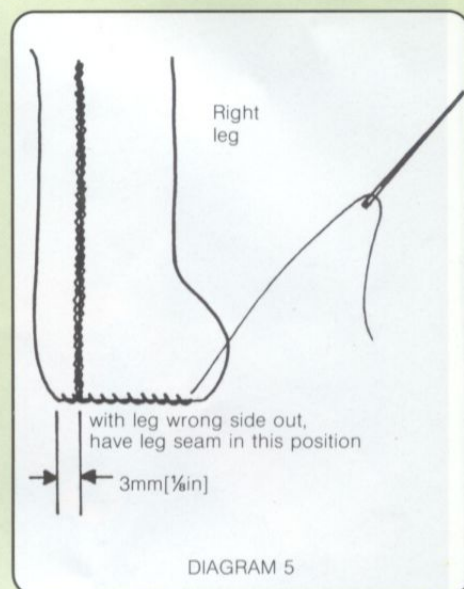
Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it loosely through remaining sts.

To make up legs, body and head

Join row ends of head and body, leaving a gap in body seam for stuffing. Join row ends of each leg piece. With front of body towards you, bring cast on sts of right boot together, having leg seam in the position shown in *diagram 5*. Note that the right leg will appear to be the left leg at this stage, until the doll is turned right side out. Oversew across the cast on sts as shown in *diagram 5*.

Oversew cast on sts of left boot in same way, reversing position of leg seam. Turn doll right side out. Stuff boots, legs and body through gap in body seam. Stuff head through opening at top. Pull up length of yarn tightly at top of head then fasten off. Ladder stitch gap in body seam.

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



Arms [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge of hand and using cream cast on 10 sts.

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

Beginning with a P row, st-st 9 rows. Break off cream and join on red [blue] for sleeve. St-st 16 rows.

Shape top

Continue in st-st and cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 16 sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of the next and the following 3 alternate rows — 8 sts. Cast off.

For each sleeve cuff use red [blue] and cast on 24 sts.

G-st 3 rows then cast off.

To make up

Join row ends of each arm as far as the top shaping. Oversew across the cast on sts of each hand. Turn arms right side out and stuff. Oversew row ends of each cuff together, then sew round lower edges of sleeves above the hands.

Sew open edges of sleeves to sides of doll, placing cast off edges of sleeves just below shoulder dec row on the body.

Boot tops [make two alike]

Using black, begin at lower edge and cast on 32 sts. Break off black and join on green [red] then g-st 3 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Oversew row ends of each strip together then sew them round tops of boots, lapping cast off edges over first row of the sock sts.

Shoulder straps

[make two alike]

Using blue [yellow] cast on 36 sts and K 1 row. Join on dark blue [red] and g-st 2 rows. Break off dark blue [red] and continue in blue [yellow].

K 1 row, then cast off.

Place a strap over each shoulder on the doll. Pin ends in place at front, four knitted rows below top edge of lower body. Cross straps over at the back of doll and pin in place as at front. Sew ends of straps in place. The ends of the straps will be covered by top of pants or skirt later on.

Mouth

Use red yarn and work the stitches in same way and in same position as for Sam [page 4], making the mouth a little smaller.

Eyes

For each eye cut three 40cm [16in] lengths of black yarn. Make a knot at centre of the lengths, winding yarn round three times before pulling knot tight. Thread one set of three yarn ends into a darning needle. Mark positions of eyes with pins, leaving six knitted sts between them and having them fourteen knitted rows above head inc row. Pass the darning needle through one marked point to come out at back of head. Pass the other three ends of yarn through head in same way, just above the first position. Draw the ends of yarn through head until knot touches face. To make eye doubly secure, put a tiny dab of adhesive underneath the knot. Pull ends of yarn at back of head and knot them together securely. Trim ends.

Repeat this for the other eye. Colour cheeks.

Carrot nose

Using orange cast on 6 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 3 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end, thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Having P side of knitting on the outside [right side] oversew row ends together. Stuff nose, pushing in stuffing with point of scissors. Sew the cast on edge to face as illustrated.

Hair

Wind yellow yarn fifteen times round three fingers. Cut once through loops. Tie strands tightly together at centre with a length of yellow yarn. Sew tied centre to forehead so that strands hang down just above the eyes. Trim ends evenly.

Striped cap

Begin at lower edge and using dark blue [red] cast on 80 sts and g-st 5 rows.

Work 6 rows in st-st.

Continue in st-st, joining and breaking colours as required and working in two row stripes as follows:

Work 2 rows each of red, orange, yellow, light green and dark blue [dark blue, light green, yellow, orange and red]. Keeping this sequence of stripes correct throughout, st-st 6 more 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. P 1 row.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

To make up

Join row ends of cap and turn right side out. Make a 4.5cm [1¾in] diameter pom-pom using dark blue [red] yarn and sew to top of cap. Place cap on doll's head as shown in the illustration with g-st band turned up. Turn the g-st band down and sew cap to head through the last row of the dark blue [red] at beginning of cap. Turn up g-st band and catch the cast on edge in place at position where cap is sewn to the head.

Buttons [make four alike]

Using yellow [red] cast on 12 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Oversew row ends together. Using black yarn, work a cross stitch at centre of each button. Lay buttons aside for now and sew in place when required in individual instructions for each doll.

Scarf

Using yellow [red] cast on 3 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 6 sts.

Now work in g-st until scarf measures 30cm [12in] from the beginning.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 3 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Gather up cast on sts tightly and fasten off. Using green [yellow] yarn, make two small pom-poms and sew one to each end of scarf.

Caterpillar

Using light green [tan] cast on 4 sts and g-st 20 rows. Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Using a strand of dark green [brown] yarn, work a running stitch down centre of the knitted strip, under the g-st loops, starting and finishing 5mm [¼in] within the ends.

To make up

Oversew row ends together. Using black sewing thread work small dots for the eyes at the gathered up end. Sew the caterpillar to the doll's sleeve as shown in the illustration.

Sonny

Make basic doll in colours stated.

Pants

Begin at lower edge of one leg and using blue cast on 32 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Shape body

Now work in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows - 28 sts ★.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare needle.

Work second leg in same way as far as ★.

Now with right side of work facing, K across the 28 sts on knitting needle, then across the 28 sts on spare needle — 56 sts.

St-st 16 rows, then g-st 4 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Oversew row ends of the g-st border together at lower edge of each leg and also the dec rows. Oversew the remaining row ends of pants together, forming the centre back seam. Turn right side out. Put pants on the doll. Stuff pants very lightly. Sew cast on edges to legs. Sew cast off edge to first row of red on the body.

Sew buttons to pants in line with the ends of the shoulder straps.

Susie

Make basic doll in colours stated.

Panty frills [make two alike]

Using red begin at upper edge of frill and cast on 24 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 48 sts.

Now work as given for Sally's panty frills from ★ to end [page 8]. Make up as for Sally. Place frills on doll's legs then sew cast on edges to first row of red on the body.

Skirt

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 84 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Now work in st-st, breaking and joining on colours as required.

Work 1 row green, 2 yellow, 1 dark blue, 2 yellow, 1 green and 2 red.

Continue in yellow and st-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 56 sts.

G-st 4 rows then cast off.

To make up

Join row ends and turn right side out. Place skirt on the doll and sew cast off edge to first row of blue on body. Sew buttons to skirt in line with ends of shoulder straps.



Baby Sunshine

Illustrated above
17cm [6¾in] in height

Note

Small amount of stuffing required.

Legs, body and head

Legs

Begin at lower edge of one leg and using yellow cast on 7 sts.

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

Beginning with a P row, st-st 13 rows. Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare needle. Make another leg in same way but leave sts on the knitting needle.

Body and head

Mark each end of next row. Using yellow and with right side of work facing, K across the leg sts on the knitting needle, then K across the leg sts on spare needle — 28 sts.

St-st 7 rows. Break off yellow.

Continue in st-st, working in two row stripes of the following colours and joining and breaking yarns as required:

Work 2 rows each of blue, red, orange, yellow and green. Join on blue and continue in this colour.

Shape shoulders

Next row: K5, (K2tog) twice, K10, (K2tog) twice, K5 — 24 sts.
P 1 row.

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

Shape head

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 36 sts.
St-st 16 rows.

Shape top of head

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 18 sts.
K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 9 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end, then thread it loosely through remaining sts.

To make up legs, body and head

Join row ends of head and body as far as the marked row. Join row ends of each leg. Turn right side out and stuff through top of head. Pull up length of yarn at top of head tightly and fasten off.

To shape neck, use a strand of cream yarn and gather round the first knitted row of cream on the head. Pull up gathers tightly and knot ends of yarn. Sew ends of yarn into neck.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at top of arm and using yellow cast on 12 sts.

St-st 8 rows.

Break off yellow and join on blue, then st-st 2 rows.

Break off blue and join on cream for hand, then st-st 4 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

To make up

Join row ends of each arm. Turn right side out and stuff. Sew open cast on edges of arms to sides of doll just below neck.

Bootees [make two alike]

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

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.

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

Shape top

Next row: K4, (K2tog) 8 times, K4 — 16 sts.

G-st 2 rows then cast off loosely.

To make up

Join row ends of each bootie then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out. Stuff toes. Push ends of legs right inside booties, then sew cast off edges of booties to legs.

Carrot nose

Thread a darning needle with a length of orange yarn and knot ends together. Take needle through from back of head to centre of face, half way down. Pass needle back again just below first position and pull through yarn to back of head, leaving a tiny loop of double yarn on face. Fasten off yarn at back of head. Catch yarn loops to face with sewing thread to secure.

Eyes

For each eye cut a 20cm [8in] length of black yarn and tie a knot at centre, winding yarn round twice before pulling knot tight. Thread one end of yarn into a darning needle. Pass it through face to back of head, level with nose and two knitted sts away from it. Pass other end of yarn through head just above first position. Draw the ends of yarn through head until knot touches face. To make eye doubly secure, put a tiny dab of adhesive underneath the knot. Pull ends of yarn at back of head and knot them together securely. Trim ends.

Repeat this for the other eye. Colour cheeks.

Mouth

Split a length of red yarn to get a finer strand. Work a tiny V-shape 1cm [¾in] below nose.

Hair

Sew a few loops of yellow yarn to forehead to hang down above the eyes. Cut through loops and trim ends of yarn evenly.

Cap

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

G-st 4 rows.

Work 12 rows in st-st.

Shape top

1st row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 30 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 20 sts.

5th row: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

To make up

Join row ends and turn right side out. Make a tiny pom-pom using red yarn and sew it to top of cap. Place cap on head as shown in the illustration and sew cast on edge in place.

Scarf

Using red cast on 3 sts. Work in g-st until scarf measures 20cm [8in] from the beginning. Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Gather up cast on edge tightly and fasten off. Make two tiny pom-poms using blue yarn and sew to ends of scarf.

Pushchair

Nest

The nest is made from twenty-four lengths of different shades of brown yarn plaited together. If you have any textured, tweedy or nubbly yarns, these will add to the rustic effect.

First cut the different yarns into varying short lengths and knot them together. Wind the yarn into a small ball as you do this, to make handling easier.

Cut twenty-four 2 metre [2½ yard] lengths from the ball of yarn. Tie the strands tightly together at one end with a length of yarn. Plait the lengths, then tie with a length of yarn at the end to secure.

Starting at one end of the plait, coil it round and round, keeping the plait flat and oversewing the edges together as you go. Continue until you have made a circle about 11cm [4½in] in diameter. Now start to coil round the plait at right angles to the circle to bring up the sides, oversewing edges together as before. Sew end of plait to inside of nest at top edge.

Handle

Plait twenty-four lengths of yarn in same way as for the nest to make a finished length of 25cm [10in].

Wind a strand of brown yarn tightly and unevenly round and round the length of the plait. Sew ends of this length of yarn into the plait. Continue winding round lengths of different shades of brown yarn in this way until the handle is fairly rigid and firm. Sew ends of handle to outside of nest, having the ends level with the base.

Wheels [make four alike]

Using fawn cast on 8 sts. 1st row is right side of work.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts.
G-st 2 rows.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 32 sts.
G-st 2 rows.

Join on brown and st-st 2 rows.

Break off brown and continue in fawn.
G-st 2 rows.

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

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it loosely through remaining sts.

To make up

Gather up cast on sts tightly and fasten off. Join row ends. Turn right side out and stuff. Pull up length of yarn tightly and fasten off. Use this length of yarn to sew through gathered centre of wheel and back again. Pull tightly to flatten, then fasten off.

Sew two wheels to each side of pushchair as shown in the illustration.

Leaves [make four alike]

Begin at pointed end of leaf tip and using green cast on 2 sts. Work in g-st and inc 1 st at beginning of every row until there are 16 sts.

G-st 6 rows.

Now continue in g-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows — 10 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off but do not break yarn.

To make the stalk, twist the length of yarn until it begins to curl up tightly to form a short stalk. Sew end of yarn into leaf.

For the veins, use light green yarn and run a length along the leaf from the stalk to the tip, under the g-st loops. Oversew through these light green stitches, working back towards the stalk. Work side veins in same way.

Make a ladybird as given for Sam [page 5], and sew it to one of the leaves.



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