

Jean Greenhowe's Toy Collection

Over twenty easy-to-knit designs



DOUBLE KNITTING YARN

Notes

Who could resist knitting a Teddy Bears' picnic or a pair of Humpty Dumpty senior citizens? Here is a splendid variety of toys to make from oddments of double knitting yarn. Children will love the cute and cuddly bunny rabbit family and the fun-filled prehistoric fantasy of dinosaurs and cave people. For sports fans there is a jolly octopus mascot which can also be made as a teaching toy for a child. Then for the Christmas season there is a colourful collection of tree trims and a pair of chubby little stocking-filler snowball toys.

Happy knitting!

Jean

General materials required

Double knitting yarn [**USA**, knitting worsted weight; **Australia**, 8 ply] in colours stated in the instructions, or colours of your choice. Note that the quantities of yarn required in each design are only quoted if they exceed 28g [1 oz].

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

A red colouring pencil for shading cheeks.

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

Knitting needles required

A pair of each: —
3mm [No 11, USA 2]
4mm [No 8, USA 5]
5½mm [No 5, USA 8]

Abbreviations

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

Special abbreviations

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

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

USA glossary

Cast off — bind off
Tension — gauge

Instructions in round brackets

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

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

Tension

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

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

No tension check required for 5½mm [No 5, USA 8] knitting needles.

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 toys, you can use ordinary matching sewing threads for a neat finish.

When sewing up the pieces which are knitted in double yarn, use a single strand of yarn.

Colouring cheeks

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

Twisted cords

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

Working embroidered stitches

If the toy has a hat sewn on, then facial stitches can be worked in yarn starting and fastening off the yarn ends at top of head, where they will be hidden by the hat. If these starting and fastening off stitches can not be hidden, then proceed as follows. Thread a blunt-ended needle and knot end of yarn. Take needle through the toy passing it *between* the knitted sts and bring it out at the position required. Pull the yarn to draw the knotted end right inside the toy. Tug the yarn to make sure the knot is caught in the stuffing.

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

Toy safety guidelines

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

The materials used for the toys which appear in this booklet are: knitting yarn, polyester stuffing and plastic drinking straws, [strips of plastic and gold string are used for the Humpty Dumpty's spectacles]. Do not add any other materials such as wire, pipe cleaners, buttons or beads.

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

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

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



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Knit a group of miniature teds, then add all the enchanting little details to complete the picnic scene.

Measurements: Teddy is 10cm [4in] high, picnic plates are 5cm [2in] in diameter.

Materials: Oddments of gold-coloured double knitting yarn for the teddies; oddments of double knitting yarn in other colours for food etc, as mentioned in the instructions; a pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles — *used throughout for all the items except for the hammock*, for which you will need a pair of 5½mm [No 5, USA 8] knitting needles; stuffing.

Notes: The teddies have movable jointed heads, legs and arms, so all the pieces must be closely knitted and firmly stuffed for the joints to work properly. If you tend to knit loosely, use one size smaller knitting needles.

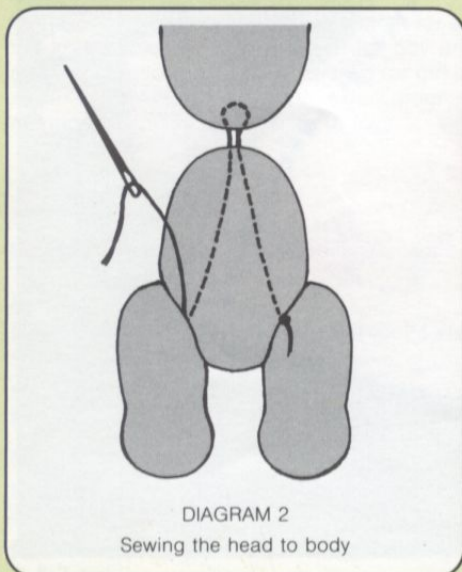
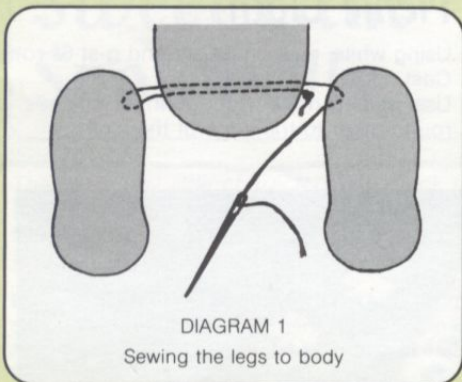
Use gold yarn for all the teddy pieces and note that P side of st-st is *right side* when making up. When stuffing the pieces, use points of scissors or tweezers to push in the stuffing.

Teddy

Body

Begin at neck edge and cast on 10 sts.
P 1 row.

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



Next row: K5, inc in next st, K8, inc in next st, K5 — 22 sts.

Continue in st-st and work 9 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts. Cast off P wise.

Fold body, bringing row ends together, with P side of st-st inside. Oversew across the cast off sts. Turn right side out and oversew row ends together, forming centre back body seam. Stuff body very firmly. Gather round cast on edge, pull up gathers tightly and fasten off.

Legs [make two alike]

Begin at sole and cast on 8 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Shape foot

Next row: K3, K2tog, (K3tog) twice, K2tog, K3 — 10 sts.
P 1 row.

Shape leg

Continue in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of next row — 12 sts.
St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.
Cast off P wise.

Oversew row ends of each leg together, with P side of st-st outside, leaving a gap in seam for stuffing. Oversew across cast on sts and also across cast off sts. Stuff, then oversew gap. Pin legs to sides of body. Use a strand of matching yarn to sew legs to body as shown in *diagram 1*. Pass needle back through body again at same position as before. Pull up yarn *very tightly*, to depress the legs into body and form firm joints. Fasten off. Pass yarn through body again and fasten off at other leg. The legs should now hold their position when moved.

Head

Begin at centre back of head and cast on 12 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows.

Shape nose

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

Next row: K2tog, K2, (K2tog) twice, K2, K2tog — 8 sts.
P 1 row.

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

Oversew row ends together with P side of st-st outside. This seam runs from the nose, underneath the head. Stuff head, then leave cast on edge open, so that nose and eyes can be added.

Use a strand of black yarn and work three short straight horizontal stitches at end of nose, taking needle through from open back of head. Fasten off at back of head also.

Mark positions of eyes with pins, about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] above nose and 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] apart. For each eye, cut a 20cm [8in] length of black yarn. Make a knot at centre of each length, winding yarn round three times before pulling knot tight. Use a darning needle to pass one yarn end through head at position of one pin, bringing needle out at open back of head. Pass the other end of yarn through head in same way taking it through face just above the first position. Pull yarn ends through until knot is slightly depressed into face. Knot ends of yarn tightly against stuffing. Trim off yarn ends. Repeat this for the other eye.

Now stuff back of head to cover knotted ends of black yarn. Gather round cast on edge, pull up tightly and fasten off.

To attach head to body, use a strand of matching yarn in a darning needle and knot end. Pass needle through body at position of one leg joint and bring needle out at centre top of body. Pass needle through head at head seam, then back through body to come out at other leg joint [see *diagram 2*]. Pull yarn very tightly and fasten off.

Ears [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and cast on 6 sts.
P 1 row. Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 2 sts.
Now inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 6 sts.
K 1 row, then cast off P wise.

With P side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges of each ear together, then oversew row ends together. Sew ears to head as illustrated.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at top edge and cast on 5 sts.
1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 10 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 9 rows.

Shape arm

Next row: K3, (K2tog) twice, K3 — 8 sts.
Continue in st-st and work 4 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 4 sts.
B & T tightly. Make up arms and attach to sides of body in same way as for legs.

Picnic plate

Use *double* light blue yarn and cast on 33 sts.
Using double yarn, K 1 row.
Break off one strand and continue in single yarn.

Next row: K.

Next row: (P1, P2tog) to end — 22 sts.
Continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 11 sts.
B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together. Use dark blue yarn to work a row of oversewing stitches through the K loops, near the edge of plate.

Swiss roll

For the outer cake portion use yellow, cast on 20 sts and st-st 11 rows. Cast off.

For the jam, use red and cast on 14 sts then st-st 10 rows. Cast off. Roll up the two pieces, starting at one set of row ends and with K side of cake portion outside. Sew row ends of cake portion in place.

Sponge cake

Begin at base and using light tan, cast on 7 sts.

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

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 28 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to last st, K1 — 19 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to last st, K1 — 28 sts.
St-st 4 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 14 sts.
K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts.
B & T tightly. Join row ends and turn right side out. Stuff lightly. Gather up cast on sts tightly and fasten off. Pass this end of yarn up through cake to centre top and back again. Pull to flatten, then fasten off.

For the cream filling, use white, cast on 28 sts, then cast off. Catch row ends together, then sew cream round centre of cake.

Use red yarn to work a few long stitches on cake just above the cream, for the jam. Work a few tiny red stitches at centre top of cake for a cherry.

Sandwiches

Use either light fawn or cream yarn and cast on 6 sts. St-st 6 rows, then cast off. Fold the piece, corner to opposite corner with P side of st-st outside. Enclose bits of orange and green yarn, so that small loops of the yarns extend beyond edges of sandwich. Oversew edges of sandwich together as folded.

Glass of lemonade

For the lemonade, use yellow, cast on 8 sts and st-st 5 rows. Cast off.

Roll the piece up tightly across width and secure row ends.

For the glass, use white, cast on 11 sts and st-st 6 rows. Cast off. Wrap this piece around lemonade and oversew row ends together.

For the straw, make a short tightly twisted single blue cord and sew it into lemonade.

Hammock

The hammock is knitted on 5½mm [No 5, USA 8] knitting needles.

Using white, cast on 15 sts and g-st 40 rows. Cast off.

Cut ten 14cm [5½in] lengths of white yarn. Pass one length through each corner of the hammock and knot ends of each one together. Pass three lengths equally spaced, through the cast on edge and knot ends of each one together. Repeat with cast off edge. Now pass another length of yarn through each set of these yarn loops and use these for tying the hammock to the hammock supports.

Cushion [make two pieces alike]

Using blue cast on 16 sts and st-st 19 rows but K the first and last st on every P row. Cast off. Oversew the pieces together round the edges, with K side of st-st outside, and enclosing a little stuffing inside cushion.

Picnic Cloth

Using white, cast on 34 sts and g-st 61 rows. Cast off.

Use blue yarn to work running stitches all round, near to the edge of the cloth.





Sweet Little Snowballs

These chubby little characters are quick to knit, using two strands of double knitting yarn together. Each one measures about 9cm [3½in] in height when seated.

Materials for the pair: 50g [2oz] of white double knitting yarn; oddments of red, green and black double knitting yarn; a pair of 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles; stuffing; a red pencil.

Notes: Use two strands of yarn together for all the knitted pieces. Colours used for boy are given first, followed by colours used for girl in square brackets. Where only one colour is mentioned, this is used for both toys.

Body

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 12 sts.
P 1 row.

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

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 36 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 21 rows.

Shape top of head

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

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

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at end of hand and using green [red] cast on 5 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 10 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row: K.

Break off green [red] and join on white.
Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows.
Cast off P wise.

Legs [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using red [green] cast on 10 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Shape foot

Next row: K2, (K2tog) 8 times, K2 — 12 sts.
G-st 3 rows.

Break off red [green] and join on white.
Beginning with a K row, st-st 7 rows. Cast off.

Cap

Using red [green] cast on 44 sts and g-st 2 rows. Break off red [green] and join on green [red].
St-st 10 rows.

Shape top

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 33 sts.
P 1 row.

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. Make a small red [green] pom-pom and sew to top of cap.

To make up the toys

Oversew row ends of body together, forming centre back seam. Turn right side out and stuff. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Using black yarn, work a chain stitch for each eye, 4.5cm [1¾in] down from top of head, leaving two clear knitted sts between the eyes. To emphasise the eyes, work another chain stitch on top of each one. Use black yarn to work a short horizontal stitch for mouth 1cm [¾in] below eyes. Colour cheeks.

Oversew row ends of each leg together, then oversew across the cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff. Oversew across cast off sts, with leg seam at centre back. Sew legs to lower portion of body at front, as illustrated.

Oversew row ends of each arm together then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff. Oversew across cast off sts, so that arm seam is at one side. Sew arms to sides of body as illustrated.

For both toys, sew a few loops of white yarn to head, so that loops hang down above the eyes. For boy, place cap on head and sew lower edge in place.

For girl's hair, cut twelve 24cm [9½in] lengths of white yarn for each plait. Fold in half and plait strands together. Knot a length of yarn round end of each plait to secure. Place cap on head. Tuck folded ends of plaits just inside lower edge of cap at each side. Sew cap to head, catching the plaits to head also. Make two 14cm [5½in] single twisted green cords and tie them round ends of plaits.

The Bunny Family

Mummy and Daddy are made from the same basic pattern, with individual instructions for knitting their extra garments. Little Bunny's 'dress' is a stuffed shape, with the hem trim and arms sewn on. All the toys are easy to make using oddments of yarn.

Measurements: Adult bunnies are 18cm [7in] in height to top of ears, little bunny is 12cm [4½in] high to top of ears.

Materials: Oddments of double knitting yarn in colours mentioned in the instructions, or colours of your choice; a pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; stuffing; a red pencil.

Basic adult bunny

Note: Colours used for Mummy are given first, followed by colours used for Daddy in square brackets. Where only one colour is mentioned, this is used for both toys.

Legs and body

Begin at lower edge of one leg and using dark pink [dark green] cast on 10 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Shape foot

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 15 sts.

Break off dark pink [dark green] and join on white [green mixture] for pants.

Continue in st-st and work 9 rows.

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

Work the second leg in same way, but leave the sts on the knitting needle and do not break yarn.

Mark each end of next row. With right side of work facing, K across the second set of leg sts on the knitting needle, then K across the leg sts on spare needle — 30 sts.

St-st 9 rows, for lower part of body.

Break off white [green mixture] and join on light pink [light turquoise] for upper body. St-st 2 rows.

Shape body

Next row: K7, K2tog, K12, K2tog, K7 — 28 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: K6, (K2tog) 8 times, K6 — 20 sts. Cast off.

To make up

Join row ends of body from cast off edge as far as the marked row. This seam is at centre back of the toy. Bring row ends of each leg together and join them.

Gather round the cast on sts of each leg, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn bunny right side out and stuff, then leave neck edge open.

Head

Using fawn, begin at neck edge and cast on 20 sts. P 1 row.

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

Shape front of face

Next row: K12, inc in next 6 sts, K12 — 36 sts. St-st 11 rows.

Next row: K8, (K2tog) twice, K4, (K2tog) twice, K4, (K2tog) twice, K8 — 30 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Shape top of head

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

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

Join row ends. This seam is at centre back of head. Turn right side out and stuff, taking care to push out front of head above the face shaping row. Leave cast on neck edge open.

Face

Mark positions of eyes with pins, nine knitted rows above the face shaping row and leaving four clear knitted sts between them.

For each eye cut a 20cm [8in] length of black yarn. Make a knot at centre of each length, winding yarn round four times before pulling knot tight. Use a darning needle to pass one yarn end through head at position of one pin, bringing needle out at open neck edge. Pass the other end of yarn through head in same way, taking it through face just below the first position. Pull yarn ends through until knot touches face, then knot ends of yarn tightly and securely against the stuffing. Trim off yarn ends. Repeat this for the other eye. For nose, use black yarn, starting and fastening off in the stuffing at open neck edge. Work three short black horizontal stitches, six knitted rows above the head shaping row. Add a little more stuffing to cover ends of black yarn. Colour cheeks with red pencil.

To assemble body and head

Pin cast on edge of head to cast off edge of body, matching the centre back seams. Use a length of yarn to match upper body colour and a darning needle. Knot end of yarn. Starting at centre back, take a small horizontal stitch through body just below cast off edge. Next, take a small horizontal stitch through head just above cast on edge. Continue in this way, working around the two pieces, pulling yarn very tightly every few stitches. Fasten off securely at centre back seam.

Ears [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using fawn cast on 6 sts.

St-st 14 rows, [10 rows for little bunny].

Shape top of ear

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

Now inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 6 sts. St-st 14 rows, [10 rows for little bunny]. Cast off P wise.

Fold each ear, bringing cast on and cast off edges together, with right side of st-st inside. Oversew row ends together at each side. Turn right side out. Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Fold ear in half at this edge and oversew to hold in place. Sew ears to top of head, leaving a small space between them.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at top of arm and using light pink [light turquoise] cast on 8 sts.

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

Beginning with a P row, st-st 9 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 12 sts. G-st 3 rows.

Break off light pink [light turquoise] and join on fawn for hand.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 6 rows.

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

Join row ends of each arm. This is the underarm seam. Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Lay arms aside until required in individual instructions.

Mummy Bunny

Make basic adult bunny as given.

Underskirt

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

St-st 3 rows.

Work picot hem edge

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

Beginning with a K row, st-st 20 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 28 sts. Cast off loosely.

Join row ends, forming centre back seam. With underskirt wrong side out, fold up at picot hem edge and catch cast on edge in place. Turn right side out. Push bunny's head through cast off edge. Sew cast off edge in place, two knitted rows *below* the first row of light pink on upper body.

Overskirt

Begin at lower edge and using light pink cast on 60 sts.

G-st 4 rows. St-st 16 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 30 sts. Cast off.

Join row ends and place on bunny as for underskirt.

Sew cast off edge to first knitted row of light pink on upper body.

Now pin the upper portion of arms to sides of upper body, with underarm seams against body. Sew arms to upper body where they touch.

Neck bow

Make a 24cm [9½in] single twisted white cord. Tie it in a bow round bunny's neck.

Daddy Bunny

Make basic adult bunny as given.

Waistcoat

Using blue, begin at lower edge and cast on 33 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

St-st 12 rows, but K the first two and the last two sts on every P row.

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

Place on bunny with cast off edge round neck, then join ends of this edge at centre front.

Make neck bow as for Mummy bunny using light turquoise. Now sew arms in place as for Mummy bunny, sewing through waistcoat and into body to secure.



Little Bunny

Body

Begin at neck edge and using white, cast on 16 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 24 sts.
Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, inc in next st) to end — 30 sts.
St-st 12 rows.

Next row: K. This row marks the edge of the base.

Shape base

1st row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 24 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

5th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

7th row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.
B & T tightly.

Join row ends. This is centre back seam. Turn right side out and stuff. Leave neck edge open. To flatten the base, use a length of white yarn and a darning needle. Knot end of yarn. Pass needle through stuffing at neck to come out at centre of the base. Pass needle back again. Pull yarn tightly to flatten base, then fasten off in the stuffing. Add a bit more stuffing to fill to neck edge.

Hem frill

Using white, cast on 36 sts.
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.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends together and turn right side out. Bring cast on edge to cast off edge and oversew them together. Place bunny's body on a flat surface and slip frill over the body, so that picot edge rests on the surface. Sew cast on, cast off edge to body.

Head

Using fawn, begin at neck edge and cast on 16 sts.
P 1 row.

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

Shape front of face

Next row: K9, inc in next 6 sts, K9 — 30 sts.
Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 9 rows.

Next row: K6, (K2tog) twice, K3, (K2tog) twice, K3, (K2tog) twice, K6 — 24 sts.
P 1 row.

Shape top of head

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

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

Make up head as for adult bunnies.

Face

Work as for adult bunnies placing pins for eyes seven knitted rows above face shaping row. Place nose stitches five knitted rows above the face shaping row.

To assemble body and head

Work as for adult bunnies.

Ears [make two alike]

Make and attach these as for adult bunnies, but work 10 rows st-st as indicated in the basic adult bunny instructions [page 6].

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at top of arm and using white cast on 10 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

G-st 3 rows.

Break off white and join on fawn. Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows.

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

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

Use pink yarn to make neck bow as for Mummy bunny.

Octopus, Mascot or Toy

You can make the octopus as an amusing football mascot, knitting the socks, hat and scarf in the colours of a favourite club team. The same basic pattern can also be used to make a toy, with each sock knitted in a different colour. A matching twisted cord added to each leg, provides a fun method of teaching a child to tie shoe laces. The hats and scarves can be removed for extra play value.

Measurement: From top of head to lower edges of boots, the octopus measures 26cm [10½in].

Materials for football mascot: All in double knitting yarn — 70g [2½oz] of green, 28g [1oz] black, 30g [1¼oz] red, oddment of white; 200g [7oz] of stuffing; a pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Materials for toy: All in double knitting yarn — 70g [2½oz] of light blue, 28g [1oz] black, oddments of any other colours; 200g [7oz] of stuffing; a pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Mascot

Head

Begin at lower edge and using green cast on 22 sts.

1st row: P.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 44 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 66 sts. Continue in st-st and work 10 rows.

Next row: K. This row marks the position where legs will be sewn to head.

Now beginning with a K row, st-st 36 rows.

Shape top of head

1st row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 55 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 44 sts.

5th row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 33 sts.

7th row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 22 sts.

9th row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts.

B & T loosely.

Join row ends, leaving a small portion of the seam open beside the cast on edge. This seam will be at centre back of the octopus. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. The head should measure about 38cm [15in] around and about 42cm [16½in] measuring over top and bottom. Close gap in seam. Gather round the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Do not pull up length of yarn at top of head at this stage.

Face

Mark positions of eyes with pins. Place pins twenty rows above the row which marks the position of legs and leave four clear knitted sts between the pins.

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

Thread one set of three yarn ends into a darning needle. Pass needle through head at position of one pin bringing needle out through the stuffing at open top of head. Pass the other set of three yarn ends through face just above the first position, to come out at open top of head. Pull yarn ends through until knot touches the face. Knot ends of yarn tightly and securely against the stuffing. Trim off yarn ends.

Repeat this for the other eye. Now push in a little more stuffing to cover the ends of black yarn. Pull up the length of green yarn tightly and fasten off.

Use black yarn for mouth. Work an irregular V-shape with a small gap at centre, placing lower point of the V ten knitted sts up from the row which marks the position of legs.

Legs [make eight alike]

Using black, begin at lower edge of boot and cast on 18 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 36 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 10 rows.

Next row: K.

Shape top of boot

Next row: K6, (K2tog) 12 times, K6 — 24 sts.

Next row: K.

Break off black and join on red to begin sock, then st-st 4 rows. Join on white and using white, st-st 4 rows.

Continue working in four-row stripes as given and st-st 12 more rows.

Break off red and white [sock colours] and join on green for leg. St-st 27 rows then cast off, marking centre of cast off edge.

Join row ends of each leg, forming centre back seam. Oversew across cast on sts of boot to close. Turn right side out and stuff. Oversew across cast off sts, matching marked centre point to the leg seam. Pin cast off edges of legs to the knitted row at base of body, so that cast off edges of legs touch each other and toes of boots are pointing upwards. First sew the uppermost portion of the cast off edges of legs to body, just above the knitted row on body. Turn the octopus upside down and sew the remaining portions of cast off edges of legs to body in same way.

Scarf

Using red, cast on 10 sts. Work in g-st until scarf measures 58cm [23in] from the beginning. Cast off. Add white yarn fringe to ends of scarf. Tie scarf round the octopus.

Cap

Using red, cast on 80 sts and g-st 6 rows. Join on white and st-st 4 rows.

Using red, st-st 4 rows.

Continue in st-st, working in four-row stripes throughout as given. St-st 12 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.

P 1 row. B & T tightly.

Join row ends, then turn right side out. Add a red pom-pon to top of cap.

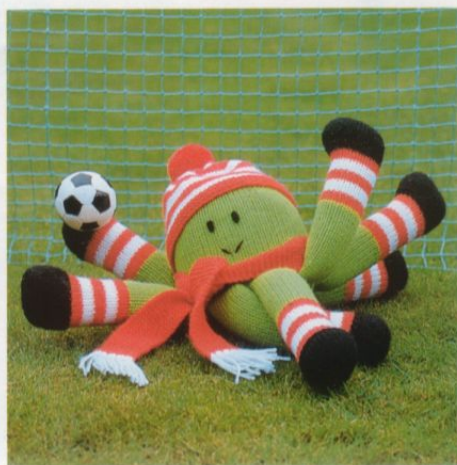
Toy

Make in exactly the same way as for the mascot, but instead of working the stripes on each leg for sock, work these 20 rows in one colour, using a different colour for each sock.

For the shoe lace on each leg, use the same colour as used for sock. Make a 38cm [15in] twisted cord, using four strands of yarn. Sew the centre of each cord securely to centre front of each boot.

Make the cap as for the mascot, but work the stripes in a variety of colours to match socks. Make the scarf in colour of your choice.









Little Men and Monsters

Create a fanciful prehistoric world of cuddly dinosaurs and tiny cave people, to give hours of fun and imaginative play.

Measurements: Pink spotted dinosaur and blue striped dinosaur are 15cm [6in] long. Yellow and orange dinosaurs are 22cm [8¾in] long. Green and purple dinosaurs are 17cm [6¾in] long. Flying reptiles measure 19cm [7½in] from wing tip to wing tip. Cave people are 4cm [1½in] high.

Materials: Oddments of double knitting yarn in colours illustrated or colours of your choice, note that for the yellow or the orange dinosaur you will need about 28g [1oz] of yarn; a pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; stuffing.

Pink spotted dinosaur



Head and body [one piece]

Begin at head-end and using main colour cast on 10 sts, marking centre of cast on edge.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows. Continue in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of next 4 rows — 28 sts. St-st 4 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) 4 times, K12, (K2tog) 4 times — 20 sts. St-st 3 rows ★.

Shape body

Next row: K4, inc in next 12 sts, K4 — 32 sts. St-st 13 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 24 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 16 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts. St-st 11 rows.

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

Join row ends of the knitted piece leaving a gap in seam near to head-end of body for turning and stuffing. This seam will run underneath the head and body. Oversew across cast on sts, matching marked centre to seam. Turn right side out and stuff, but do not close gap in seam.

Eyes and mouth

For each eye, cut a 30cm [12in] length of black yarn. Make a knot at centre of each length,

winding yarn round four times before pulling knot tight.

Mark positions of eyes with pins, leaving two clear knitted sts between them and placing them nine knitted rows below the first body shaping row.

Use a darning needle to pass one yarn end through head at position of one pin, bringing needle out at the gap in seam underneath body. Pass the other yarn end through head in same way, taking it through face just below the first position. Pull yarn ends through until knot touches face, then knot ends of yarn tightly and securely against the stuffing. Trim off yarn ends. Repeat this for the other eye.

For mouth work a small straight horizontal stitch in black at cast on edge, starting and fastening off in stuffing underneath body. Now push a little more stuffing in body to cover the ends of yarn. Close gap in seam.

Legs [make four alike]

Begin at lower edge and using main colour cast on 8 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows ★.

Shape foot

Next row: K4, (K2tog) 4 times, K4 — 12 sts. Now st-st 6 rows, but dec 1 st at each end of the 6th row — 10 sts. Cast off.

Oversew row ends of each leg together and oversew across cast off sts. Turn legs right side out and stuff. Oversew across cast on sts to close. Place body on a flat surface. Pin legs to body as illustrated so that they all touch the flat surface. Make sure the leg seams are facing towards tail-end of dinosaur. Sew legs to body as pinned.

Spines [one piece]

Using contrast colour, cast on 39 sts. St-st 4 rows.

Next row: K1, (pass yarn under and over tip of right hand needle to make a st, K2tog) to end. Beginning with a P row, st-st 4 rows. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges of the piece together with right side of st-st outside. Sew this edge along centre top of body from tail-end to beginning of head as illustrated.

Spots

Use contrast colour and a darning needle to work a few stitches here and there for each spot as shown in the illustration.

Blue striped dinosaur

Head and body [one piece]

Using main colour, work as given for pink spotted dinosaur as far as ★. Join on contrast colour. Now continue following instructions for pink spotted dinosaur from ★ to end of head and body instructions, but work in two-row stripes of contrast colour and main colour alternately.

Eyes and mouth

As for pink spotted dinosaur.

Legs [make four alike]

Using main colour work as given for pink spotted dinosaur as far as ★. Join on contrast colour. Now continue following instructions for pink spotted dinosaur leg from ★ to end of

leg instructions, but work in two-row stripes of contrast colour and main colour alternately.

Spines

Make and attach as for pink spotted dinosaur.

Yellow or orange dinosaur



Head and body [one piece]

Begin at head-end and cast on 8 sts, marking centre of cast on edge.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows.

Shape head

Next row: (K2tog) 3 times, inc in next 4 sts, (K2tog) 3 times — 14 sts. P 1 row.

Shape neck

Continue in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of next and every following fourth row until there are 24 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Shape body

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 48 sts. Continue in st-st and work 21 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 36 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 24 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Now dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until 2 sts remain. Cast off. Join row ends of the knitted piece leaving a gap in seam at head and a gap in seam at body. This seam will run underneath the head and body. Oversew across cast on sts, matching marked centre to body seam. Turn body right side out and stuff, taking care to stuff centre portion of body to a fat rounded shape. Close gap in seam at body.

Eyes and mouth

Make knots for eyes as for pink spotted dinosaur. Mark eye positions with pins, leaving two clear knitted sts between them and placing them five knitted rows below head shaping row. Attach the eyes as for pink spotted dinosaur, taking yarn ends through to gap in the head seam. For mouth work a long black horizontal stitch round end of face, starting and fastening off at gap in head seam. Catch centre of this stitch in place with a small black stitch. Add more stuffing, then close gap in head seam.

Legs [make four alike]

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 5 rows.

Shape foot

Next row: K4, (K2tog) 8 times, K4 — 16 sts. St-st 11 rows.

Next row: K2tog, K4, (K2tog) twice, K4, K2tog — 12 sts.

P 1 row. Cast off P wise.

Join row ends, then oversew across cast off sts to close. Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Oversew across cast on sts to close.

Place body on a flat surface with tummy and tail resting on the surface. Pin legs to sides of body with lower edges touching surface and positioning them as illustrated. Sew legs to body as pinned.

To work star spots

Use contrast colour and a darning needle to work these spots here and there on body. Work four stitches for each spot all crossing over each other at centre, like an asterisk.

Green or purple dinosaur



Body

Begin at neck edge and cast on 18 sts. St-st 2 rows.

Shape body

Continue in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until there are 30 sts.

St-st 13 rows.

Shape tail

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next and every following fourth row until 20 sts remain.

P 1 row.

Now dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until 2 sts remain. Cast off.

Join row ends of the knitted piece. This seam will run underneath body. Turn right side out and stuff, then leave cast on edge [neck edge] open.

Head

Begin at mouth-end and cast on 8 sts, marking centre of cast on edge.

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

Continue in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until there are 28 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Shape head

1st row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 21 sts.

2nd row: P.

3rd row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

4th row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts. B & T loosely. Join row ends noting that this seam will run underneath head. Oversew across cast on sts, matching marked centre to head seam. Turn head right side out and stuff, but do not draw up the long end of yarn.

Eyes and mouth

Make knots for eyes as for pink spotted dinosaur. Mark eye positions with pins, leaving two clear knitted sts between them and placing them six knitted rows below first head shaping row. Attach the eyes as for pink spotted dinosaur, taking yarn ends through to stuffing at open back edge of head. Work mouth as for yellow or orange dinosaur. Add more stuffing, then pull up length of yarn tightly and fasten off.

Place head on open neck edge of body, turning it to one side if desired. Slip stitch head in place.

Legs [make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and cast on 14 sts.

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

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

Shape foot

Next row: K2, (K3tog) 8 times, K2 — 12 sts. St-st 5 rows.

Now inc 1 st at each end of next and the following fourth row — 16 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K2tog, K4, (K2tog) twice, K4, K2tog — 12 sts.

P 1 row.

Cast off P wise.

Join row ends, then oversew across cast off sts to close. Turn right side out and stuff. Oversew across cast on sts to close.

Place tail-end of body on a flat surface with front portion of body in upright position. Now pin legs to sides of body as shown in the illustration, so that body balances in upright position. Sew legs to body as pinned.

Arms [make two alike]

Begin at hand-end and cast on 4 sts.

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

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

Next row: K2, (K2tog) twice, K2 — 6 sts. P 1 row.

Continue in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of next and the following alternate row — 10 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together leaving a gap in seam. Oversew across cast on sts to close. Turn right side out and stuff, then oversew gap in seam. Sew arms to sides of body as illustrated.

Egg

Using yarn to match any of the dinosaurs, cast on 8 sts.

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

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 12 sts. Continue in st-st and work 3 rows.

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

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

Flying reptile



Head and body [one piece]

Begin at head-end and cast on 4 sts. Work in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of first and every following alternate row until there are 18 sts. St-st 3 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Shape body

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 18 sts. St-st 7 rows.

Now dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until 4 sts remain. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together, leaving a gap at neck. This seam will run underneath head and body. Turn right side out and stuff, but do not close gap in seam.

Eyes

Make knots for eyes as for pink spotted dinosaur. Mark eye positions with pins, leaving two clear knitted sts between them and placing them four knitted rows below the neck shaping row. Attach the eyes as for pink spotted dinosaur, taking yarn ends through to stuffing at open neck edge. Add more stuffing, then oversew gap in seam.

Wings [make two alike]

Cast on 30 sts and st-st 4 rows.

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until 4 sts remain.

B & T tightly.

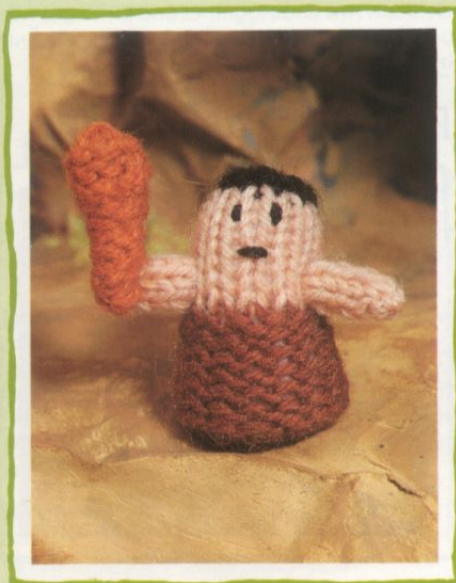
Fold each wing with right side of st-st outside and oversew row ends together. Oversew across cast on sts to close. Now sew these cast on edges to sides of body, with folds in wings facing towards front.

Feet [make two alike]

Begin at end of foot and cast on 8 sts, marking centre of cast on edge. St-st 4 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts. Continue in st-st and work 4 rows. Cast off.

Oversew row ends of each foot together, with right side of st-st outside. Oversew across cast on sts, matching marked centre to the oversewn seam. Sew cast off edges of feet to end portion of body underneath.



Cave people

Body and head [one piece]

Begin at base and using brown cast on 8 sts loosely. Note that first row is right side of the work.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Continue in st-st and beginning with a K row, work 6 rows.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) to end — 12 sts. Break off brown and join on fawn for head.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 8 rows. Break off fawn and join on black for hair, then g-st 2 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 6 sts. B & T tightly.

Join row ends and turn right side out. This seam will be at centre back. Stuff firmly. Use a darning needle to gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off, but do not break yarn.

Now take your darning needle up through centre of body to come out at top of head. Pass needle back through body again to come out at centre of base. Pull yarn tight to flatten base so that figure will stand up unsupported. Fasten off.

Arms [made in one piece]

Using fawn cast on 6 sts. St-st 15 rows, then cast off.

Gather up cast on sts tightly and fasten off. Repeat with cast off sts. Allow strip to roll up across width with one set of row ends just overlapping the other set of row ends and with right side of st-st outside. Oversew row ends in place.

To insert the arms

Push your knitting needle through body *between* the knitted sts from one side to the other, two knitted rows above the last brown

row. Now widen the hole by pushing through a much larger knitting needle or an empty ball point pen.

Sew a short length of yarn through one end of the arms piece. Thread ends of this yarn into a blunt-ended needle. Pass the needle through hole in body and pull on the yarn ends to draw the arms piece through body. Remove length of yarn and adjust arms so that they protrude equally at each side. Catch arms to body where they pass through it. Ends of arms can be caught to face or body as shown in the figures illustrated.

Face

Use black yarn. Work two small vertical stitches for eyes. For mouth, work a single horizontal or vertical stitch or, two stitches to form a U or V-shape, according to the expression required.

Club

Begin at top end and using brown cast on 8 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 4 sts.

Continue in st-st and work 6 rows.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together with P side of st-st outside. Stuff, then gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew to hand as desired.

Christmas Tree Trims

Small oddments of yarn can be put to good use making these tree decorations and all the designs are quick and easy to knit.

Materials for all the tree trims: Oddments of double knitting yarn in colours mentioned in the instructions, or colours of your choice; a pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; stuffing; a red pencil; a permanent black marker pen for Christmas pudding [optional].

Snowball Faces

Measurement: About 6cm [2½in] in diameter.

Snowball

Using single white yarn and 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles, knit as given for Sweet Little Snowball's body [page 5].

Join row ends. Turn right side out and stuff. Mark positions of eyes with pins, half way down the ball, leaving two clear knitted sts between them. Use black yarn for the eyes and work a chain stitch for each eye, or a V-shape as shown in the illustration. Work a short stitch in black for mouth, 1cm [½in] below the eyes. Colour cheeks.

Cap

Using single red and green yarn and 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles, knit as given for Sweet Little Snowball's cap [page 5]. Join row ends and turn right side out. Place cap on snowball and sew in place.

Add a twisted cord hanging loop to top of snowball.

Mr and Mrs Snow

Measurements: Mr Snow, 11cm [4¼in] high; Mrs Snow, 10cm [4in] high.

Mr Snow

Body

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 16 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 32 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 19 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: K6, (K2tog) 3 times, K8, (K2tog) 3 times, K6 — 26 sts.

Continue in st-st and work 13 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 13 sts. B & T tightly. Join row ends. Turn right side out and stuff. Oversew across the cast on sts with the body seam at centre back.

Face

Using black yarn, work a small chain stitch for each eye, half way down face and leaving two clear knitted sts between the eyes. Work a small straight stitch for mouth a little below the eyes. Work three small horizontal stitches in green yarn on the body as illustrated.

Hat

For top of hat use green, cast on 6 sts and work in g-st until knitted strip measures 18cm [7in] from beginning. Cast off. Starting at cast on edge, roll up the strip along length, then sew cast off edge in place. Sew through the row ends at each end, to hold rolled-up shape in place. Sew one rolled-up edge to top of head.

For hat brim use green and cast on 26 sts.

1st row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 39 sts. K 1 row, then cast off.

Oversew row ends together. Place brim on head at base of hat top. Sew cast on edge in place. Add a twisted cord hanging loop to top of hat.

Scarf

Make a 22cm [8½in] twisted cord using two strands of green and two strands of red yarn. Tie tightly round neck, then sew through knot to hold in place.

Mrs Snow

Make body and work face as given for Mr Snow. Use red yarn to work stitches on body.

Hat

Begin at outer edge of brim and using red cast on 64 sts.

G-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 32 sts.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 11 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 16 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 8 sts. B & T tightly. Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out.

Gather round hat at first row of st-st. Stuff top of hat. Place on head and pull up gathers to fit head then fasten off. Sew to head through gathers.

For hat band, use green and cast on 34 sts. Cast off. Join row ends, then sew to hat. Add a twisted cord hanging loop to top of hat.

Bow

Make a 24cm [9½in] single twisted green cord. Tie it in a bow round neck.

Christmas Pudding

Measurement: About 5.5cm [2¼in] in diameter.

Pudding

Begin at top and using brown cast on 11 sts. P 1 row.

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

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 33 sts. Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st ★. Work 19 rows.

★★**Next row:** (K1, K2tog) to end — 22 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 11 sts ★★. B & T tightly.

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Oversew row ends together with P side of st-st outside, leaving a gap for stuffing. Stuff, then oversee gap. If desired, mark on dots at random using black pen.

Sauce topping

Using white, cast on 40 sts and st-st 8 rows.

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

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 15 sts. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together with P side of st-st outside. Place on top of pudding with P side of st-st outside. Sew cast on edge to pudding, to form a wavy uneven line.

Holly

Make three leaves and three berries.

For each leaf use green and cast on 13 sts. St-st 2 rows.

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

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together with K side of st-st outside. Fold the strip in half and oversee cast on, cast off edges to form centre vein of the leaf.

For each berry use red and cast on 2 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 4 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

B & T tightly, then use the length of yarn to gather all round other edges of the knitted piece. Pull up gathers tightly, tucking in cast on tail-end of yarn. Fasten off.

Sew leaves and berries to top of pudding. Add a twisted cord hanging loop.



Striped Bauble

Measurement: About 5.5cm [2¼in] in diameter.

Note: Instructions are given for the yellow striped bauble shown in illustration. For red striped bauble make in same way, using colours illustrated.

To make

Using yellow, work as given for Christmas pudding [see left] as far as ★.

Continue in yellow and st-st 5 rows. Break off yellow and join on green, then st-st 2 rows. Join on red and st-st 4 rows. Using green, st-st 2 rows.

Break off green and red and join on yellow. St-st 6 rows.

Now work as given for pudding from ★★ to ★★.

B & T loosely. Join row ends. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff. Pull up length of yarn tightly and fasten off. Add a twisted cord hanging loop.

Mistletoe Heart

Measurement: 7cm [2¾in] long.

Heart [knitted in one piece]

Begin at lower point and using red cast on 2 sts. Work in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of first and every following K row until there are 20 sts.

St-st 9 rows without shaping.

Shape top

Next row: (K2tog) twice, K3, (K2tog) 3 times, K3, (K2tog) twice — 13 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc in first 2 sts, K3, inc in next 3 sts, K3, inc in last 2 sts — 20 sts.

St-st 9 rows.

Continue in st-st and dec 1 st at each end of every K row until 2 sts remain. Cast off. Fold the heart, bringing pointed ends together. Oversew row ends together at each side, leaving a small gap in seam at one side. Turn right side out and stuff, then oversee gap.

Edging strip

Using white, cast on 60 sts.

K 1 row, then cast off. Oversew row ends together. Place strip round edge of heart, with K side outside. Sew to heart along centre of strip.

Mistletoe sprig

Make three leaves. For each leaf use green and cast on 8 sts.

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

2nd row: P to end. Cast off.

Make three berries using white, as given for Christmas pudding berries [see left]. For the stalk, use green and make a short single twisted cord.

Pin all the pieces to heart as shown in the illustration. Sew them in place as arranged. Add a twisted cord hanging loop to top of heart.

Christmas Cracker

Measurement: About 10 cm [4in] in length.

Note: Instructions are given for the green cracker shown in the illustration. For red cracker make in same way, using colours illustrated.

To make

The basic sausage shape is made first. The end pieces are knitted separately, then gathered *around* the sausage shape.

Begin at one end and using green cast on 10 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 15 rows.

Break off green and join on yellow. St-st 2 rows.

Join on red and st-st 4 rows. Break off red. Continue in yellow and st-st 2 rows.

Break off yellow and join on green. St-st 15 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 10 sts. B & T loosely.

Join row ends. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out and stuff evenly to form a sausage shape. Pull up length of yarn tightly and fasten off. Now use a length of green yarn to gather round the shape nine knitted rows away from one end. Pull up gathers very tightly and knot yarn ends. Sew yarn ends into cracker. Repeat this at the other end of cracker.

For each end piece use green, begin at outer edge and cast on 20 sts loosely. G-st 2 rows. Continue in st-st and work 8 rows. B & T loosely.

Oversew row ends together on each end piece. Turn right side out. Place each piece in position on the cracker with the 20 loops at the positions of the gathered end portions of the cracker. Pull up yarn lengths very tightly and fasten off. Sew yarn ends into cracker.

Add a twisted cord hanging loop.

Garland

Measurement: About 8cm [3in] across.

To make

The garland is made from six small bobbles threaded onto a length of yarn. Make three bobbles in one colour, three in another colour.

Cast on 7 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 14 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T loosely. Gather along the cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Join row ends. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. Pull up length of yarn tightly and fasten off.

Using a length of yarn in a darning needle, thread the bobbles onto the yarn, passing needle through centres and alternating colours. Knot ends of yarn, pulling up tightly so that bobbles form a circle. Add a twisted cord hanging loop to one bobble.

Grandpa and Grandma Humpty Dumpty

These roly-poly toys knit up fairly quickly, as the main parts of the toys are worked in two strands of double knitting yarn. The old-fashioned spectacles are made from a narrow strip cut off a plastic bottle, with gold gift-wrapping string wrapped round and round to cover the strip.

Measurement: Each toy measures about 18cm [7in] from base of body to top of cap or hat.

Materials: Double knitting yarn for Grandpa — 28g [1oz] fawn for head and hands. Oddments of other colours as mentioned in the instructions.

Double knitting yarn for Grandma — 28g [1oz] fawn for head and hands. 28g [1oz] green for skirt, 20g [$\frac{3}{4}$ oz] each of two different shades of yellow for hat. Oddments of other colours as mentioned in the instructions.

Other materials required: 200g [7oz] of stuffing for each toy; a pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles; a pair of 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles; a darning needle with a large eye; a flexible plastic lemonade bottle, or any similar disposable container; a 2.5m [3yd] length of gold gift-wrapping string for each pair of spectacles; two ordinary plastic drinking straws for Grandma's knitting needles; a red pencil.

Notes: At the beginning of the instructions for each separate part of the toys, there is a note to indicate whether you should use single or double yarn and also the required knitting needle size.

For the basic toy, the colours used for Grandpa are given first, followed by the colours used for Grandma in square brackets. Where only one colour is mentioned, this is used for both toys. You can use up small oddments of yarn by knitting two different shades together, for all the pieces which are knitted in double yarn.

Safety note

After knitting the loop-stitch hair, use matching sewing thread to machine stitch through the piece at the cast off edge, to ensure that the loops can not be pulled out. If you don't have a sewing machine, then oversew along the cast off edge, catching all the loops as you go. Hand-sew the loops of Grandpa's moustache in the same way.

Basic toy

Basic body

Worked in double yarn on 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.

Begin at top of head and using fawn cast on 13 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

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

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

Next row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 52 sts. Continue in st-st and work 15 rows.

Shape body

Next row: K6, (inc in next st, K12) 3 times, inc in next st, K6 — 56 sts.

Break off fawn and join on two different shades of red [two different shades of green] for centre body stripe, then st-st 6 rows.

Break off red [green] and join on a strand of blue and of black [cream] for lower body. St-st 13 rows.

Shape lower body

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

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

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

To make up body

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Join row ends, leaving a gap in seam at top of head for turning and stuffing. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. The body should now measure about 40cm [15 $\frac{1}{4}$ in] around at centre. Close gap in seam. Note that the body seam will be at centre back of the toy, when adding the legs, arms and facial features.

Basic legs [make two alike]

Worked in double yarn on 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.

Begin at boot sole and using black cast on 15 sts loosely.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 30 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Break off black and join on brown [two different shades of red] for boot. Continue in st-st and work 6 rows.

Shape top of boot

Next row: K5, (K2tog) twice, (slip 1, K2tog, pass slipped st over) 4 times, (K2tog) twice, K5 — 18 sts.

G-st 3 rows.

Break off brown [red] and join on a strand of blue and of black [cream] for leg. Beginning with a K row, st-st 13 rows. Cast off loosely.

To make up legs

Join row ends of each leg, then oversew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. Sew the open cast off edges of legs to front of lower body as shown in the illustration.

Basic arms [make two alike]

Worked in double yarn on 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.

Begin at top of arm and using red [green] to match centre body stripe, cast on 16 sts loosely. St-st 10 rows.

Break off red [green] and join on fawn for hand. St-st 8 rows.

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

To make up arms

Join row ends of each arm and oversew across cast off sts. Turn right side out and stuff firmly.



For Grandpa, pin the open cast on edges of arms to body at sides, a little closer to front than back. Take care to place arms level with upper edge of the centre body stripe also. Sew arms in place. To sew Grandma's arms in place — see Grandma's own instructions.

Basic eyes

Mark positions of eyes with pins at centre front of head, 3.5cm [1½in] up from the top edge of the centre body stripe and leaving two clear knitted sts between them.

For each eye cut four 30cm [12in] 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 four yarn ends into the darning needle. Pass needle through head at position of one pin, bringing needle out just behind centre top of head. Pass the other set of four yarn ends through face to top of head in same way, taking them through face just above the first position. Pull yarn ends through until knot touches the face. Knot ends of yarn tightly and securely and trim off excess length.

Repeat this for the other eye.

Basic nose

Worked in single yarn on 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Using fawn, cast on 4 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 8 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Using a darning needle, slip the remaining sts onto the length of yarn, but leave yarn threaded in needle.

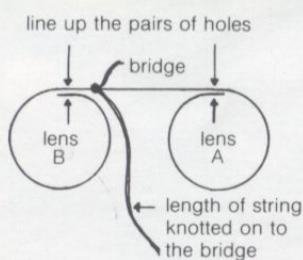
Now colour the right side of the knitted piece by rubbing it with a red pencil. Use the threaded needle to gather all round the remaining edges of the knitted piece. Draw up the gathers slightly. Stuff the nose firmly for Grandpa. For Grandma, stuff lightly to make a slightly smaller nose. Pull up gathers tightly and fasten off.

Sew nose to face just below the eyes.

Basic spectacles

Cut a 3mm [¼in] wide by 17cm [6¾in] long strip off the plastic bottle or container. Use a pin to pierce holes in the strip, 5mm [¼in] away from each end and also 7cm [2¾in] away from each end.

Form the strip into the shape shown in the *diagram*, matching up the pairs of holes. Sew through the holes with sewing thread to hold in position.



SPECTACLES DIAGRAM

Forming the plastic strip into shape



Now knot one end of the gift-wrapping string round the spectacles at position shown in the *diagram*. Wind the yarn round and round to cover the straight portion, which forms the bridge of the spectacles. Now continue winding the yarn round the plastic strip to cover lens A as marked on the *diagram*. You will now have arrived back at the bridge again. Work back, winding string round the bridge again, then wind string round to cover lens B. To fasten off, sew the string into the bridge with a darning needle.

Place the spectacles on the toy as illustrated. Sew the bridge to nose at the top, then catch the lenses to sides of the nose.

Grandpa

Make all the basic toy pieces as given.

Moustache

Worked in single yarn on 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Using white cast on 6 sts.

1st row: K1; (insert right hand needle K wise into next st, place first finger of left hand at back of st, wind yarn anti-clockwise round right hand needle and one finger three times, then round tip of right hand needle once only, draw through the 4 loops) repeat until 1 st remains; K1.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread it through all the sts on knitting needle, then fasten off securely.

Sew the moustache under the nose.

Now colour the cheeks.

Eyebrows [make two alike]

Worked in single yarn on 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Using white, cast on 3 sts and g-st 2 rows. Cast off.

Sew eyebrows in place above the eyes.

Hair

Worked in single yarn on 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

Using white cast on 64 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 right hand needle and two fingers three times, then round tip of right hand needle once only, draw through the 4 loops) repeat until 1 st remains; K1.

2nd (dec and cast off) row: K1; (K4tog, pulling the 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. Lay this piece aside until required.

Peaked cap

All the cap pieces are worked in double yarn on 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.

Main cap piece

Using two different shades of green, begin at lower edge and cast on 60 sts. G-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2, inc in next st) to end — 80 sts ★. Beginning with a P row, st-st 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 and turn right side out.

Cap peak

Using yarn as for main piece, cast on 24 sts. St-st 2 rows.

Next row: K1, K2tog, K18, K2tog, K1 — 22 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, K2tog, K16, K2tog, K1 — 20 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, inc in next st, K16, inc in next st, K1 — 22 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, inc in next st, K18, inc in next st, K1 — 24 sts.

St-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Fold peak, bringing cast on and cast off edges together and with P side of st-st outside. Oversew row ends together at each side of peak. Turn right side out. Oversew the cast on and cast off edges together.

Cap button

Using yarn as for main piece, 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.

Break off yarns leaving long ends. Using a darning needle, slip the remaining sts onto the lengths of yarn, then gather all round remaining edges of the knitted piece. Draw up the gathers, stuffing button lightly, pull up gathers tightly and fasten off.

To assemble cap and hair pieces

Sew the button to centre top of cap. Sew the cast on, cast off edge of peak to the g-st border at lower edge of cap.

Now oversew the cast off edge of the hair piece to the lower edge of cap, with row ends of hair piece meeting the ends of the cap peak.

Stuff the cap lightly round the straight st-st portion above the g-st border. Place cap on head. Sew to head through the hair piece, just below the cast off edge.

Scarf

Worked in single yarn on 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

First cut a 50cm [20in] length of each of the following colours of yarn: red, orange, yellow, green and blue. Knot the lengths together in the same order.

Starting with the red yarn, cast on 6 sts.

Work in g-st and continue knotting on more lengths of yarn as required in same sequence as before. Continue until scarf measures 58cm [23in] from the beginning. Cast off.

Place scarf around the toy above the arms and cross the ends over at one side. Catch scarf to the toy at position of cross-over.

Grandma

Make all the basic toy pieces as given, but do not sew the arms in place at this stage.

Mouth

Using red yarn, work a shallow U-shape for mouth in short back-stitches, placing lower edge two knitted rows above centre body stripe. Now work back along mouth, oversewing through each back-stitch.

Hair

Main piece

Work as given for Grandpa's hair.

Fringe

Work as given for Grandpa's moustache.

Lay both pieces aside until required.

Hat

The hat pieces are worked in double yarn on 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.

Main piece

Note that P side is *right* side of the main piece. Using two different shades of yellow, work as given for Grandpa's main cap piece as far as ★ [see left].

Beginning with a P row, st-st 9 rows. Now continue to work as for Grandpa's main cap piece from ★★ to end of main piece instructions. Oversew row ends together and turn right side out.

Hat brim

Using yarn to match main piece, cast on 6 sts.

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

2nd row: K to end.

3rd and 4th rows: K.

Repeat these 4 rows 52 more times.

Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges of brim together.

To assemble hat and hair pieces

Oversew the short set of row ends of the hat brim to the cast on edge of main piece. Sew the small hair fringe piece to cast on edge of hat main piece at centre front. Sew cast off edge of remaining hair piece to cast on edge of hat main piece, so that row ends are equal in distance from the fringe.

Stuff top of hat, then place on head as illustrated.

Sew to toy through the cast on edge of main piece.

Hat band and cherries

For the hat band make a 70cm [27in] twisted cord, using four strands of blue yarn. Sew it round the hat, tying ends in a bow at back.

Make three cherries. Use red yarn and make them in same way as for basic nose, ignoring reference to colouring the knitting with red pencil. For each stalk make a 4cm [1½in] tightly twisted single green cord and sew it into cherry. Use white yarn to work two small stitches for the 'shine' on each cherry. Sew tops of all stalks together. Sew cherries to hat as illustrated.

Skirt

Worked in *single* yarn on 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.

Using one of the shades of green yarn as used in centre body stripe, cast on 14 sts. Now work the 4 rows as given for the hat brim [see above]. Repeat the 4 rows 53 more times, or until the short set of row ends is long enough to

go round the lower edge of the centre body stripe. Cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together.

Sew the short set of row ends to body, just overlapping the lower edge of the centre body stripe, with skirt seam at centre back.

Now sew the arms to sides of body as given for Grandpa in basic doll instructions, noting that a portion of the cast on edges of arms will overlap the top edge of the skirt.

Shawl

Worked in *single* yarn on 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles.

First knot lengths of yarn together in the same way as for Grandpa's scarf.

Begin at one front corner of shawl and cast on 2 sts. Work in g-st throughout and note that first row is *right* side of work.

Inc 1 st at beginning of first row, then at beginning of every following fourth row until there are 12 sts. Continue in g-st without shaping until shawl measures 30cm [12in] from the beginning, ending with right side of work facing.

Now dec 1 st at beginning of next row, then at beginning of every following fourth row until 2 sts remain. Cast off.

Place shawl around the toy and catch front points in place as illustrated.

Grandma's knitting Knitting needles

Worked in single yarn on 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles.

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

To cover each straw, use yellow yarn and cast on 5 sts. Work in st-st until the strip is same length as the straw. B & T tightly. This end is the pointed end of knitting needle.

Starting at 'pointed' end of the knitted strip, oversew row ends together with right side of st-st outside and enclosing the straw as you go. Oversew across cast on sts.

For the knob at end of knitting needle, knit as for basic nose using yellow yarn and ignoring reference to colouring the knitting with red pencil. After gathering and stuffing the knitted piece, insert the blunt end of Grandma's knitting needle, pull up gathers tightly and fasten off. Sew gathers in place.

The piece of knitting

Using 4mm [No 8, USA 5] knitting needles and any colour of yarn, cast on 10 sts. Work a length of g-st.

Work the last row *very loosely*. Break off yarn, leaving a 3m [3yd] length. Slip the 10 sts onto your other knitting needle. Now slip the 10 sts onto one of Grandma's knitting needles. Wind the 3m [3yd] length of yarn into a small ball. Secure the wound ball by sewing through it with another length of matching yarn, to prevent unravelling.

Sew knitting needles to Grandma's hands as illustrated.

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