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Welcome...



to *Classic Characters to Make*.

Within these glossy pages you will find irresistible pals to **knit**, **crochet** and **sew** for the little, and not-so-little ones in your life. We have loved working on this beautiful book, and have taken many trips down memory lane when

picking our favourite projects, from the gorgeous flower fairy (page 38), to a mystical unicorn toy (page 62). Plus, we have included a section dedicated to seasonal makes, where we hope that you will love our adorable Easter, Halloween and Christmas ideas as much as we do.

We've compiled more than **40 lovely keepsakes**, with easy-to-follow instructions. You'll find charming makes for boys and girls of every age, from a traditional teddy bear to a cute bunny rabbit and a cheery giraffe. Even more exciting, we have plenty of **inspiration** for what you can make with your kit – and, of course, these projects arrive with clear **step-by-steps** so you can get crafting straight away.

There are lots of exciting skills for you to practise too, so whether you are a seasoned crafter or just starting out, be sure to take a look at our **handy guides** from page 98. Jam-packed with illustrated instructions, they will highlight the essentials, and top up your knowledge to complete these companions, as well as enabling you to build on your existing craft skills for a **professional-looking finish**.

So, whether you plan to make these projects for your little ones, or as **bespoke gifts** (that's if you can bear to part with them), this collection is full of **wonderful makes** that are sure to be treasured for years to come.

Happy crafting,

Sarah

Sarah Crosland, *Crafts Beautiful* editor



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Dolly

AMIGURUMI GETS EVEN CUTER WITH LIZ WARD'S ADORABLE LITTLE DOLLY

DOLLS WERE A CHILDHOOD STAPLE FOR SO MANY OF US – WHO CAN FORGET PLAYING DRESS UP AND ORGANISING TEA PARTIES WITH YOUR FAVOURITE DOLLS AND TEDDY BEARS? AND IT WAS THIS FEELING OF FOND NOSTALGIA THAT INSPIRED LIZ TO CREATE LULU THE RAG DOLL, WHO IS ALL SET TO PARTY IN HER PURPLE FROCK AND FUNKY STRIPEY TIGHTS. A FUN AND EASY PROJECT, YOU CAN MAKE HER WITH YOUR YARN KIT AND HOOK, AND ALL YOU'LL NEED IS SOME EXTRA TOY STUFFING AND TOY EYES.

MAKE WITH
YOUR
HERITAGE
KIT!



CROCHET ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Approx. 21 x 12cm

CROCHET KIT

Project kit yarn

5.5mm crochet hook

Embroidery thread

Toy stuffing

Wool needle and embroidery needle

12mm black safety toy eyes

HEAD & BODY

Start with 6dc into magic ring. Six sts

❑ Rnd 1: 2dc into each st to the end. 12 sts

❑ Rnd 2: (dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 18 sts

❑ Rnd 3: (dc in the first two sts, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 24 sts

❑ Rnd 4: (dc in the first three sts, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 30 sts

❑ Rnd 5: (dc in the first nine sts, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 33 sts

❑ Rnd 6: (dc in the first ten sts, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 36 sts

❑ Rnd 7-10: dc in each st to the end. 36 sts

Mark rnd 8 with a st marker

❑ Rnd 11: (dc2tog, dc in next ten sts) rep to end. 33 sts

❑ Rnd 12: (dc2tog, dc in next nine sts) rep to end. 30 sts

❑ Rnd 13: (dc2tog, dc in next three sts) rep to end. 24 sts

❑ Rnd 14: (dc2tog, dc in next two sts) rep to end. 18 sts

Insert the toy eyes now, on the marked rnd seven sts apart

❑ Rnd 15: (dc2tog) rep to end. Nine sts

Stuff the head now

❑ Rnd 16: (dc in the first two sts, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 12 sts

❑ Rnd 17: (dc in the first two sts, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 16 sts

Change to purple yarn at end of Rnd 17

❑ Rnd 18: (dc in the first three sts, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 20 sts

❑ Rnd 19: dc into each st to the end. 20 sts

❑ Rnd 20: (dc in the first four sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. 24 sts

❑ Rnd 21: dc into each st to the end. 24 sts

❑ Rnd 22: (dc in the first five sts, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 28 sts

❑ Rnd 23: dc into each st to the end. 28 sts

❑ Rnd 24: (dc in the first 13 sts, 2dc in

the next st) rep to end. 30 sts

❑ Rnd 25: Working in back loop only dc into each st to the end. 30 sts

❑ Rnd 26: (dc2tog, dc in next three sts) rep to end. 24 sts

❑ Rnd 27: (dc2tog, dc in next two sts) rep to end. 18 sts

❑ Rnd 28: (dc2tog, dc in next st) rep to end. 12 sts

Stuff your doll now

❑ Rnd 29: (dc2tog) rep to end. Six sts

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull

through loop to secure

Using a wool needle, weave the yarn through the last six stitches and pull tight to close

Weave in yarn ends and cut off remaining yarn

LEGS (MAKE TWO)

Start with purple yarn

Start with 6dc into magic ring. Six sts

❑ Rnd 1: 2dc into each st to the end. 12 sts

❑ Rnd 2 & 3: dc into each st to the end. 12 sts

❑ Rnd 4: (dc2tog, dc in next st) repeat to end. Eight sts

Change to pink yarn

❑ Rnd 5 & 6: dc into each st to the end. Eight sts

Change to green yarn

❑ Rnd 7: dc into each st to the end. 8sts

Rep last three rounds twice more.

Change to pink yarn

❑ Rnds 14-16: dc into each st to the end. 8 sts

Stuff legs

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure

Sew in place on the body

ARMS (MAKE TWO)

Using beige yarn, start with 6dc into magic ring. Six sts

❑ Rnd 1: (dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. Nine sts

❑ Rnd 2: dc into each st to the end. 9sts



HOT TIP

Try and keep your colour changes to the back of your work so they don't show on the finished doll

❑ Rnd 3: (dc2tog, dc in next st) repeat to end. Nine sts

Change to purple yarn at the end of Rnd 3.

❑ Rnd 4-13: dc into each st to the end. six sts

Stuff arms

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure. Sew in place on the body

SKIRT

Rejoin purple yarn to the loop created on Rnd 26.

❑ Rnd 1: (dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. 45 sts

❑ Rnd 2: (dc in the first two sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. 60 sts

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure

❑ Weave in loose end and cut off

HAIR CAP

(This sits under the hair so the scalp colour doesn't show through)

Using yellow yarn, start with 6dc into magic ring. Six sts

❑ Rnd 1: 2dc into each st to the end. 12sts

❑ Rnd 2: (dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. 18 sts

❑ Rnd 3: (dc in the first two sts, 2dc in

the next st) repeat to end. 24 sts

❑ Rnd 4: (dc in the first three sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. 30 sts

❑ Rnd 5: (dc in the first nine sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. 33 sts

❑ Rnd 6: (dc in the first ten sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. 36 sts

❑ Rnd 7-10: dc in each st to the end. 36 sts

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure

Sew in place on the head then weave in and cut off any loose ends

To make the hair, cut lengths of yellow yarn 40cm long. Lay over the hair cap and sew down the centre parting securing the hair in place as you go.

Divide into two sections on either side of the head and plait each section.

Secure by tying pink yarn around the base of the plait and finish with a bow

TO FINISH

Use the beige yarn from your project kit to embroider the nose, working four to five long stitches in the same place between the eyes.

Use pink thread to sew a V in a long stitch to form the mouth. Weave in any loose ends at the back of your work and cut off.

Wrap some of the pink yarn around the waist of the dress and finish with a bow.



Mice

TREASURE YOUR BOOKS WITH THE HELP OF IRENE STRANGE'S MICE BOOKENDS

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THIS CUTE DUO LOOKS GREAT AS A PLAYFUL ADDITION TO EVEN THE MOST GROWN-UP OF LIBRARIES. PLUS, AS EACH MOUSE IS MADE UP OF FAIRLY SIMPLE COMPONENTS AND ONLY BASIC STITCHES ARE USED, THESE TWO MAKE A SATISFYING PROJECT IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A QUICK-MAKE.



CROCHET ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Mouse height: 12cm
Support length: 16cm
Support width: 8.5cm

CROCHET KIT

Yarn: DK, mid blue, light blue, navy, light taupe

Hook: 5mm

Stuffing

Corrugated card

Fabric

SHOPPING LIST

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MOUSE (MAKE TWO, ONE IN MID BLUE AND ONE IN LIGHT BLUE)

HEAD

* Using 5mm hook and chosen yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

□ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
□ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts *

□ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

□ Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end

□ Rnd 6: (dc2tog, 10dc) to end. 22 sts

□ Rnd 7: (dc2tog, 9dc) to end. 20 sts

□ Rnd 8: (dc2tog, 8dc) to end. 18 sts

□ Rnd 9: (dc2tog, 7dc) to end. 16 sts

□ Rnd 10: (dc2tog, 6dc) to end. 14 sts

□ Rnd 11: (dc2tog, 5dc) to end. 12 sts

□ Rnd 12: (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. Ten sts

□ Rnd 13: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. Eight sts

Stuff

□ Rnd 14: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. Six sts

□ Rnd 15: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. Four sts

Fasten off

BODY

Using 5mm hook and chosen yarn rep from * to * of Head. 18 sts

□ Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end
□ Rnds 4-13: dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end. Eight sts
Fasten off

EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 5mm hook and chosen yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, turn. Six sts

□ Row 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, turn. 12 sts

□ Row 2: 1ch, (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end, turn. 18 sts

□ Row 3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

ARMS (MAKE TWO)

Using 5mm hook and chosen yarn make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

□ Rnds 1-8: 1dc in each st to end. Five sts

Fasten off

LEGS (MAKE TWO)

Using 5mm hook and chosen yarn make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

□ Rnd 1: 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. Six sts

□ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

TAIL

Using 5mm hook and chosen yarn make 25ch

□ Row 1: starting second ch from hook work one sl st in each ch to end. 24 sts
Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Sew up end of Head. Stuff Body and sew to Head in either sleeping or sitting position. Fold along bottom edge of ears and sew to top of Head. Sew Arms to Body in either sleeping or sitting position. Stuff Legs, sew to Body in either sleeping or sitting position. Sew Tail to Body

BOOKEND COVER (MAKE TWO, ONE IN MID BLUE AND ONE IN LIGHT BLUE)

Using 5mm hook and chosen yarn make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Four sts

□ Rnd 1: 1ch, (1dc, 2ch) to end, join with a sl st to first st. Four sts

□ Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc, * 1dc in 2ch sp from prev rnd, 2ch, 1dc in same sp *) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 12 sts

□ Rnd 3: 1ch, (2dc, rep from * to * of

Rnd 2, 1dc) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 20 sts

□ Rnd 4: 1ch, (3dc, rep from * to * of Rnd 2, 2dc) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 28 sts

□ Rnd 5: 1ch, (4dc, rep from * to * of Rnd 2, 3dc) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 36 sts

□ Rnd 6: 1ch, (5dc, rep from * to * of Rnd 2, 4dc) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 44 sts

□ Rnd 7: 1ch, (6dc, rep from * to * of Rnd 2, 5dc) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 52 sts

Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Cut a piece of corrugated card to same size as two crocheted squares when placed side by side. Fold it in half. Glue

HOW TO
KNIT WISE

Both mice follow the same process to create. The only difference between the two is how you embroider the faces and where you position the head, arms and legs. Use the pictures as your reference and attach with a simple tack stitch to initially connect the body parts so you can position them just where you want.

fabric to back of card. Sew crocheted squares together along one side and attach to front of covered card by sewing or glueing them down. Sew mice to crocheted backs, making sure position enables the card to stand with a 90° angle. Use yarns to embroider eyes and noses as shown.



"If you have enough yarn left over you could cover both sides of the bookend with crocheted squares."

IRENE STRANGE, DESIGNER

Masks

LIZ WARD'S BRIGHT ANIMAL MASKS WILL MAKE A GREAT ADDITION TO A CHILD'S DRESSING UP BOX

MAKE WITH
YOUR
HERITAGE
KIT

THESE ANIMAL MASKS ARE SUPER QUICK AND EASY TO MAKE. USING THE YARN IN YOUR PROJECT KIT YOU CAN WHIP UP A BATCH OF THESE IN NO TIME. WE'VE GIVEN YOU THE PATTERNS FOR A PIG, RABBIT AND BEAR BUT YOU CAN LET YOUR IMAGINATION GO WILD AND USE THESE BASIC SHAPES TO MAKE ANY ANIMAL MASK YOU WANT.



CROCHET ESSENTIALS

KNIT KIT

Project kit yarn

5.5mm crochet hook

Embroidery thread

Rolled elastic

Wool needle and embroidery needle

MASK

Make in pink for pig, yellow for bunny and red for bear

Using 5.5mm crochet hook, make a magic ring and work 6dc into the ring. Six sts

Round 1: 2dc into each st to the end. 12 sts

Round 2: (ch20, dc in next st, dc in next five sts) rep around. 10 sts, 2ch loops

Round 3: (26dc into loop, dc in next st, dc2tog twice, dc in next st) rep around. 60 sts

Round 4: (2dc, 2htr, 4tr, 2htr, 6dc, 2htr, 4tr, 2htr, 2dc, dc2tog, 2dc) repeat around. 58sts

Round 5: (2dc, 2htr, 4tr, 2htr, (2dc in next st, dc in the next 2 sts) twice, 2htr, 4tr, 2htr, 5dc) rep around. 62 sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure

Weave in yarn end and cut off

PIGS EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 5.5mm crochet hook and pink yarn, ch 10

NOTE: this is worked back and forth in rows

Row 1: starting in the 2nd ch from hook, dc in each ch, ch1, turn. Nine sts

Row 2: dc2tog, (dc in each st) rep to end. Eight sts

Row 3-9: rep Row 2 seven times.

One st

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure

Sew in place on the mask

Weave in yarn ends and cut off remaining yarn

PIG SNOUT

Using 5.5mm crochet hook and pink yarn, ch 5.

Round 1: 2dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in

next 2ch, 3dc in last ch, turn and work along the back of the foundation ch, dc in next 3ch. 10 sts

Round 2: (dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 15 sts

Round 3: (dc in the first two sts, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 20 sts

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure

Sew in place on the mask. Weave in yarn ends and cut off remaining yarn.

Sew the ears and snout onto the mask using the photo as a guide for positioning. Use black embroidery thread to sew two vertical lines onto the snout

Weave in any loose ends at the back of your work and cut off

Thread a 50cm piece of elastic through one side edge of your mask, then through the next side and tie both ends in a knot to secure in place

BUNNY EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 5.5mm crochet hook and yellow yarn, ch 15

Row 1: 2dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next twelve sts, 3dc in last ch from hook, turn and work along back of foundation ch, dc in last thirteen sts. 30 sts

Row 2: 1ch, turn, dc in first 13 sts, 2dc in next four sts, dc in last 13 sts. 36 sts

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure. Sew in place on the mask. Weave in yarn ends and cut off rem yarn

BUNNY SNOUT

Make as for pig but using beige yarn

Sew the ears and snout onto the mask using the photo as a guide for positioning.

Use brown embroidery thread to sew the nose and mouth using long stitches onto the snout. Weave in any loose ends at the back of your work and cut off.

Thread a 50cm piece of elastic through one side edge of your mask, then through the next side and tie both ends in a knot to secure in place

BEAR EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 5.5mm crochet hook and beige yarn, make a magic ring and work 6dc into the ring. Six sts

Round 1: 2dc into each st to the end.

12 sts

Round 2: (dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) rep to end. 18 sts

Round 3: (dc in the first two sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. 24 sts

Change to red yarn at the end of Rnd 3

Round 4: (dc in the first three sts, 2 dc

in the next st) repeat to end. 30 sts

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure

Use the photo as a guide and sew in place on the head of the bear

BEAR SNOUT

Make as for the pig but using the beige yarn

Make up and finish as per the bunny instructions



GO WILD FOR IRENE STRANGE'S POCKET-SIZED ELEPHANT

CROCHET ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Height: approx 12cm

CROCHET KIT

Yarn: DK, lilac, white

Hook: 3mm

Safety eyes

Stuffing

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ELEPHANT HEAD & BODY

Using 3.5mm hook and lilac yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

❑ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

❑ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

❑ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

❑ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

❑ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

❑ Rnd 6-9: 1dc in each st to end

❑ Rnd 10: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

❑ Rnd 11: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

❑ Rnd 12: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Stuff

❑ Rnd 13: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Change to White yarn

❑ Rnds 14-20: 1dc in each st to end

❑ Rnd 21: working in back loops only 1dc in each st to end

❑ Rnd 22: 1dc in each st to end

Cont to stuff

❑ Rnd 23: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

Sew up opening



TEENY, TINY AND EVER SO SWEET, THIS ADORABLE ELEPHANT IS SURE TO BE A FAVOURITE WITH A LITTLE ONE, PLUS HER DIMINUTIVE STATURE MEANS MUMS CAN SLIP IT INTO A POCKET OR HANDBAG FOR A PORTABLE PLAY THING. UTILISING A RANGE OF STITCHES AND INCORPORATING DIFFERENT ELEMENTS, THIS QUIRKY LITTLE CRITTER IS ALSO AN EXCELLENT PROJECT FOR THOSE LOOKING TO HONE AND PRACTISE THEIR CROCHET TOYMAKING SKILLS.

SKIRT

Using 3.5mm hook and white yarn attach yarn to Rnd 21 and work in front loops only

❑ Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st. 24 sts

❑ Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 36 sts

Fasten off. Sew in ends

EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.5mm hook and lilac yarn make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st, turn. Five sts

❑ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end, turn. Ten sts

❑ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. 15 sts

❑ Rnd 3: rep Rnd 2. 20 sts
Fasten off

TRUNK

Using 3.5mm hook and lilac yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

❑ Rnds 1-6: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

ARMS & LEGS (MAKE FOUR)

Using 3.5mm hook and lilac yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st.

Six sts

❑ Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end.

Six sts

Fasten off

BOW

Using 3.5mm hook and white yarn, make 9ch

❑ Rnd 1: starting second ch from hook 1dc in each st to end, turn. Eight sts

❑ Rnds 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Sew Ears to either side of Head. Take Trunk and pull on inner yarn tail from beg of piece until nose scrunches up. Tie a knot with end yarn tail to secure. Sew to front of Head. Lightly stuff Arms and Legs and sew to Body. Loop yarn around middle of Bow. Sew to top of Head as shown. Sew on two beads for eyes

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CROCHET **IRENE STRANGE'S** LOVABLE LION



IF YOU PEEK THROUGH THE JUNGLE UNDERGROWTH AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME, AS THE SUN IS STARTING TO SET, YOU MAY CATCH A GLIMPSE OF A VERY SPECIAL SIGHT – THIS LITTLE LION GETTING READY FOR A RESTFUL NIGHT'S SLEEP IN HIS FAVORITE ZEBRA-THEMED PYJAMAS! THIS FIENDISHLY FRIENDLY FELLA IS EASY TO CROCHET, USING ONLY THE SIMPLEST OF STITCHES. BECAUSE HE'S WORKED ON A 5.5MM HOOK, THIS PROJECT IS ALSO QUICK TO MAKE.

CROCHET ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Length excl. tail: 23cm
Height: 11.5cm

CROCHET KIT

Yarn: Aran; yellow, orange, white, grey
Hook: 5.5mm
Stuffing
Safety eyes
Tapestry needle

SHOPPING LIST

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LION HEAD AND BODY

Using 5.5mm hook and yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

❑ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

❑ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

18 sts

❑ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

24 sts

❑ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

30 sts

❑ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

36 sts

❑ Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

42 sts

❑ Rnd 7: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

48 sts

❑ Rnd 8: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

54 sts

❑ Rnd 9: 1dc in each st to end

Change to orange

❑ Rnd 10: working in front loops only (1ch, 1dc in same st, 4tr, 1dc, one sl st in next st) to end

❑ Rnd 11: working in back loops of Rnd 9 1dc in each st to end

❑ Rnds 12-15: rep Rnd 9

❑ Rnd 16: (dc2tog, 7dc) to end. 48 sts



“Play around with front and back paw positions – he could be sitting or standing, or even sleeping on his side! You can find lots of different styles of safety eyes and noses online – try eBay and Etsy”

IRENE STRANGE, DESIGNER

❑ Rnd 17: (dc2tog, 6dc) to end. 42 sts

Insert safety eyes

Change to white

❑ Rnd 18: (dc2tog, 5dc) to end. 36 sts

❑ Rnds 19-22: rep Rnd 9 four times

Change to grey

❑ Rnds 23-26: rep Rnd 9 four times

Change to white

❑ Rnds 27-30: rep Rnd 9 four times

Change to grey

❑ Rnd 31: rep Rnd 9

❑ Rnd 32: (dc2tog, 4dc) to end.

30 sts

❑ Rnd 33: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts

❑ Rnd 34: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts

❑ Rnd 35: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts

Stuff

❑ Rnd 36: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

TAIL

Using 5.5mm hook and orange make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

❑ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

❑ Rnd 2: 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. Six sts

❑ Rnd 3: (2dc in next st, 2dc) to end.

Eight sts



- ❑ Rnd 4: (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end. Ten sts
- ❑ Rnds 5-6: rep Rnd 1
- ❑ Rnd 7: (dc2tog) to end. Five sts
- Stuff
- Change to yellow
- ❑ Rnds 8-20: rep Rnd 1
- Fasten off

FRONT LEG (MAKE TWO)

- * Using 5.5mm hook and yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
- ❑ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ❑ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
- Change to grey
- ❑ Rnds 3-5: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
- Change to white
- ❑ Rnds 6-8: rep Rnds 3-5 *
- Change to grey
- ❑ Rnds 9-11: rep Rnds 3-5
- Fasten off



HOW TO CROCHET CLEVER

Embroider his nose by making a base of long horizontal stitches. Build up a three-dimensional layer by wrapping short vertical stitches over these

BACK LEG (MAKE TWO)

Rep from * to * of Front Leg
Fasten off

EAR (MAKE TWO)

- Using 5.5mm hook and yellow make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring, turn. Five sts
- ❑ Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- Change to orange
- ❑ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts
- Fasten off

MUZZLE (MAKE TWO)

- Using 5.5mm hook and white make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts
- ❑ Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st. 12 sts
- Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Sew up end of Body. Sew Tail to Body. Stuff Legs and sew to Body. Sew Ears behind mane. Sew two Muzzle circles to front of face. Embroider nose and mouth using grey



GIVE YOUR NEAREST AND DEAREST IRENE STRANGE'S SWEET LOVEBIRD CHARMS

CROCHET ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Lovebird charms: 6cm

CROCHET KIT

Yarn: Crochet thread, two colours

Hook 2.5mm

Tapestry needle

Stuffing

Thread

SHOPPING LIST

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HOW TO KNIT WISE

To create a magic ring, make a loop of yarn with the tail pointing downwards and going behind the working yarn. Insert the hook through the front of the loop, yoh and pull back through the middle of the round, make one ch. You are now ready to work the number of double crochets into the ring. When inserting the hook into the loop, make sure you work over both the edge of the ring and the tail. Pull the tail to close the ring

LOVEBIRD CHARMS

BODY (MAKE TWO)

NOTE: do not close rnds with a sl st, instead work in a spiral. Do not turn work unless instructed

Using 2.5mm hook and yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

❑ Rnds 1-5: 2dc in each of next two sts, 1dc in each st to end. 16 sts

❑ Rnds 6-9: 1dc in each st to end

❑ Rnd 10: dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end. 15 sts

❑ Rnd 11: (dc2tog) twice, 1dc in each st to end. 13 sts

❑ Rnd 12: dc3tog, 1dc in each st to end. 11 sts

❑ Rnd 13: dc3tog, 1dc in each st to end. Nine sts

Stuff

❑ Rnd 14: dc2tog, join with a sl st to next st, 1ch, pinch tip together, skip to edge of work and work 4dc across pinched edge, turn. Four sts

❑ Rnd 15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

❑ Rnd 16: 2ch, 1tr in first st, 2ch, join with a sl st to same st, * join with a sl st to next st, 3ch, 1dtr in same st, 3ch, join with a sl st to same st, rep from * twice, join with a sl st to next st, 2ch, 1tr in same st, 2ch, join with a sl st to same st. Fasten off

WING (MAKE FOUR, TWO IN EACH COLOUR)

Using 2.5mm hook and yarn A (yarn B) make 3ch

❑ Rnd 1: 4tr in third ch from hook, turn. Four sts

❑ Rnd 2: 2ch, 1tr in each st to end, turn

❑ Rnd 3: 2ch, (tr2tog) twice, turn. Two sts

❑ Rnd 4: 1ch, dc2tog. One st
Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Sew in ends. Sew wings to body and embroider eyes

HOWEVER YOU USE THESE SWEET AMIGURUMI DOVES, ONE THING'S FOR CERTAIN, THEY'RE SURE TO CRACK A SMILE. EVEN THE SMALLEST OF GIFTS CAN GO A LONG WAY TO LETTING SOMEBODY KNOW THAT YOU CARE, SO RAID YOUR STASH FOR SCRAPS OF YARN AND MAKE THESE UP BY THE DOZEN.



"These little charms are really great for using up

oddmments of yarn from your stash, any leftover sock yarn or embroidery thread will do the job!"

IRENE STRANGE, DESIGNER



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KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Parrot: 30cm tall

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Cygnet Pato DK, (A) shade 909 Saxe, (B) shade 914 Apple, one 100g ball of each, (C) shade 910 Red, (D) shade 905 Yellow, (E) shade 923 Salmon, small amounts of each, oddments of black and white DK

Needles: 4mm

Safety toy stuffing

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

inc2: k into front, back and front of same st

SHOPPING LIST

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PARROT BODY AND HEAD (KNITTED IN ONE PIECE)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A cast on 12 sts

- ❑ Row 1 (WS): p
- ❑ Row 2 : kfb in each st to end. 24 sts
- ❑ Row 3: p
- ❑ Row 4: * k1, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 36 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: * k2, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 48 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work 29 rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to end. 36 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row work nine rows in st st
- ❑ Cut yarn A, join in yarn B
- ❑ Beg with a k row work 24 rows in st st

SHAPE TOP OF HEAD

- ❑ Next row: * k3, k2tog, rep from * to last st, k1. 29 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row work three rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to last st, k1. 22 sts
- ❑ Next row: p
- ❑ Next row: * k1, k2tog, rep from * to last st, k1. 15 sts
- ❑ Next row: p
- ❑ Next row: (k2tog) to last st, k1. Eight sts

- ❑ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through sts on needle, pull tight and fasten off

TOP KNOT

Using 4mm needles and yarn B make a slip knot and place it on needle

- ❑ Row 1: k
- ❑ Row 2: inc2 into st. Three sts
- ❑ Row 3: p
- ❑ Row 4: k, inc one st at each end of row. Five sts
- ❑ Row 5: p
- ❑ Cont to inc as set at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are nine sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row work five rows in st st
- ❑ Dec one st at each end of next and foll alt row until five sts rem
- ❑ P one row
- ❑ Cast off

TWIST

Using 4mm needles and yarn C cast on eight sts

- ❑ Work in st st until piece meas 10cm ending after a p row
- ❑ Cast off

FEET (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and yarn D cast on ten sts

- ❑ Row 1 (WS): p
- ❑ Cont in st st inc one st at each end of

HOW TO STITCH SCHOOL INCREASE (KFB)



1 Insert the right needle into the next stitch and knit, leaving the original stitch on the left needle.



2 Insert the right needle into the back of the original stitch on the left needle and knit as normal. Slide the knitted stitch off the left needle and you will now have an extra stitch on the right needle.

next and foll alt rows until there are 22 sts

- ❑ Beg with a p row, work 13 rows in st st
- ❑ Dec one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until ten sts rem
- ❑ Cast off

LEGS (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A cast on 12 sts

- ❑ Row 1 (WS): p
- ❑ Row 2: kfb in each st to end. 24 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row work three rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: * k2, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 32 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row work nine rows in st st
- ❑ Cast off

UPPER BEAK

Using 4mm needles and yarn E cast on three sts

- ❑ Work in st st inc one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until there are nine sts
- ❑ Next row: p
- ❑ Next row: * kfb in next st, k2, rep from * to end. 12 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row work three rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: * kfb in next st, k2, rep from * to end. 16 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row work three rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: * kfb in next st, k2, rep from * to last st, k1. 21 sts ***



- ❑ Beg with a p row work five rows in st st
- ❑ Cast off

LOWER BEAK

- ❑ Work as for Upper beak to ***
- ❑ P one row
- ❑ Cast off

WINGS

NOTE: worked in garter st throughout

BASE WING (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and yarn B cast on three sts

- ❑ Inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are 29 sts
- ❑ Work ten rows in garter st
- ❑ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 11 sts rem
- ❑ Cast off

NOTE: this is top of wing

FEATHERS

(make two in yarn C, four each in yarn A, yarn D and yarn E)

Using 4mm needles and appropriate colour cast on three sts

- ❑ Working in garter st inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are 11 sts
- ❑ K six rows
- ❑ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until three sts rem
- ❑ Next row: k3tog
- ❑ Fasten off

NOTE: this is base of feather

LARGE TAIL FEATHER

Using 4mm needles and yarn A cast on ten sts

- ❑ Row 1 (WS): p
- ❑ Working in st st inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are 24 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row work five rows in st st
- ❑ Next row (eyelet row): k1, * yfwd, k2tog, rep from * to last st, k1
- ❑ Beg with a p row work five rows in st st

- ❑ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until ten sts rem
- ❑ Cast off

SMALL TAIL FEATHER

- ❑ Using 4mm needles and yarn C, work as for Large tail feather but only inc to 16 sts

OUTER EYE (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and white DK cast on three sts

- ❑ Working in garter st inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are nine sts
- ❑ K four rows
- ❑ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until three sts rem
- ❑ Cast off

EYE CENTRE (MAKE TWO)

- ❑ Using 4mm needles and black DK, work as for Outer eye but only inc to five sts

TO MAKE UP

BODY AND HEAD

Sew Body and Head seam leaving base open to stuff. Stuff quite firmly. Do not close seam. Thread tapestry needle with yarn B and beginning at back seam, weave yarn in and out of every stitch at colour change. Draw up tightly to form head. Close remaining seam. Sew Top Knot to head, padding slightly with stuffing. Join Lower Beak to Upper Beak with Upper Beak overlapping at the front. Ease pieces to fit. Pin Upper Beak in a semi-circle on to face. Add stuffing and shape beak, pulling top section downwards to give a little point. Pin bottom section in place. Once you are happy with positioning, sew both beak pieces in place. Using black DK embroider two straight stitches on either side of beak, as shown on p49. Sew Eye Centre to Outer Eye and attach to either side of head. Using yarn D, embroider a line around black Eye Centre. Using white DK, sew two small lines on to Eye

Centre. Allow Twist to curl into a tube. Secure with a few stitches then fold Twist into a bow-shape and attach to back of Top Knot

WINGS

Pin Feathers to base wing, overlapping them as shown. When you are happy with the look, stitch each Feather at top point only, then catch each Feather together as you overlap them. Sew Wings to either side of body

FEET AND LEGS

Fold Foot in half and stitch side seams. Stuff lightly to give shape, then close base. Sew through from back of Foot to two points equally spaced on top of Foot. Pull firmly to create an indent for claws. Sew side seam of Leg, creating a little cup-shape. Stuff and attach to base of body. Stitch a Foot on to each Leg. Angle Feet outwards so parrot will stand upright

TAIL

Take Large tail feather and fold in half along eyelet row, sew side seam. Stuff lightly to give shape. Sew base together. Repeat with Small tail feather. Place small piece on top of large piece and join together at base. Attach completed tail to back of parrot

HOW TO — KNIT WISE —

TOP TOY TIPS: Remember these good pointers when knitting your toy:

- Keep your tension consistent – although exact tension isn't that important, you need your wing pieces to be the same size, or your parrot will be out of proportion
- Stuff evenly – tease the stuffing apart rather than using large clumps as this will give a smoother finish
- Don't overstuff – too much stuffing causes stitches to stretch and the filling will show through the fabric
- Pin before you sew – use long pins to try out the positioning of the feet, beak and wings before you start stitching. When you're happy, you can begin to sew, just remember to remove all the pins before giving your toy to a child



HOT TIP

Most parts are knitted individually and stitched together at the end - label them as you go

Elephant

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KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Height: approx 16cm

KNIT KIT

Yarn: DK, pink, peach, brown, white

Needles: 4mm straight,
4mm dpns

Toy stuffing

Beads

Embroidery thread

Scrap of felt

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ELEPHANT

TRUNK

Using 4mm needles and pink yarn cast on five sts

- ❑ Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: p
 - ❑ Row 2 and every even-numbered row: k1, kfb, k to end. Six sts
 - ❑ Row 4: rep Row 2. Seven sts
 - ❑ Row 6: rep Row 2. Eight sts
 - ❑ Row 8: rep Row 2. Nine sts
 - ❑ Row 10: cast on 18 sts, knit to end. 27 sts
 - ❑ Rows 11-25: starting with a p row work in st st
 - ❑ Row 26: cast off 18 sts, k to end. Nine sts
 - ❑ Row 27 and every odd-numbered row: p
 - ❑ Row 28 and even even-numbered row: k1, k2tog, k to end. Five sts
 - ❑ Row 35: p
- Cast off

HEAD

Using 4mm needles and pink yarn pick up 35 sts along long side edge of Trunk (pick up one st for every row)

- ❑ Rows 1-3: starting with a p row work in st st

- ❑ Row 4: k13, kfb, k1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1, kfb, k12. 39 sts
 - ❑ Rows 5-9: starting with a p row work in st st
 - ❑ Row 10: k14, kfb, k1, kfb, k6, kfb, k1, kfb, k13. 43 sts
 - ❑ Rows 11-21: starting with a p row work in st st
 - ❑ Row 22: k2, (k2tog, k3) to last st, k1. 35 sts
 - ❑ Rows 23-25: starting with a p row work in st st
 - ❑ Row 26: k2, (k2tog, k2) to last st, k1. 27 sts
 - ❑ Row 27: p
 - ❑ Row 28: k2, (k2tog, k1) to last st, k1. 19 sts
 - ❑ Row 29: p
 - ❑ Row 30: k1, (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
- * Cut yarn, thread tail through all sts on needle, pull through and gather tightly, secure thread *

EARS (MAKE TWO IN PINK, TWO IN STRIPE PATT)

NOTE: to create two frontal stripy ear pieces work in foll stripe patt: three rows soft peach, (two rows brown, two rows soft peach) three times

Using 4mm needles and chosen yarn cast on 13 sts

- ❑ Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: p
 - ❑ Row 2: k4, kfb, k3, kfb, k4. 15 sts
 - ❑ Row 4: k5, kfb, k3, kfb, k5. 17 sts
 - ❑ Row 6: k6, kfb, k3, kfb, k6. 19 sts
 - ❑ Row 8: k7, kfb, k3, kfb, k7. 21 sts
 - ❑ Row 10: k
 - ❑ Row 12: k7, k2tog, k3, k2tog tbl, k7. 19 sts
 - ❑ Row 14: k7, k2tog, k1, k2tog tbl, k7. 17 sts
 - ❑ Row 15: p
- Cast off



"It's his eyebrows that give his face so much character. Why not give him a cute grumpy expression by slanting the eyebrows inwards?"

JENNIFER WARD, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT, LET'S GET CRAFTING





HOW TO KNIT WISE

Not confident with picking up stitches? No worries: simply cast on 35 stitches and then sew the cast-on edge of the head to the long side edge of the trunk before making up the head

- ❑ Rows 15-21: starting with a p row work in st st
- ❑ Row 22: (k2tog) to last st, k1. Nine sts. Work as for Head from * to *

TAIL

Using 4mm dpns and brown yarn cast on three sts

- ❑ Row 1: k to end, do not turn
- ❑ Row 2: * slide sts to other end of needle, k to end by bringing yarn behind work and starting with first st

NOTE: pull on work from bottom after each first st to even out tension

- ❑ Rep Row 2 until work meas 2cm. Cast off

TO MAKE UP

Gather short side edge at end of Trunk. Sew seams of Trunk and Head tog, adding stuffing as it is sewn. Add two black beads sewn onto circles of white felt for eyes and embroider eyebrows in black thread. To make up Ears, sew one back piece and one front piece tog around outside edges. Sew cast-on edges to sides of Head. Sew side edges of Tusks tog. Add stuffing and sew cast-on edge to Head. Gather cast-on sts at bottom of Body and sew side edges tog ending at cast-off edge, leaving top open. Stuff Body through this gap. Sew Head onto Body, sewing top of Body sts to underside of Head. Sew Tail to back of Body. Gather cast-on sts and sew side seam of Feet tog. Stuff them and sew cast-off edge to Body. Sew side seams of Arms tog, adding stuffing as it is sewn. Sew cast-on edge at top of Arms to sides of Body

TUSKS (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and white yarn cast on 12 sts

- ❑ Rows 1-3: starting with a p row work in st st
- ❑ Row 4: (k2tog, k1) to end. Eight sts
- ❑ Rows 5-7: rep Rows 1-3
- ❑ Row 8: (k2tog) to end. Four sts
- ❑ Row 9: p
- Work as for Head from * to *

BODY

Using 4mm needles and white yarn cast on eight sts

- ❑ Row 1: p
- ❑ Row 2: (kfb) to end. 16 sts
- ❑ Row 3: p
- ❑ Row 4: (kfb, k1) to end. 24 sts

NOTE: for Rows 5-38 work in foll stripe patt: (two rows peach, two rows brown, two rows white) five times, four rows peach

- ❑ Row 5: p
- ❑ Row 6: (kfb, k2) to end. 32 sts
- ❑ Row 7: p
- ❑ Row 8: (kfb, k3) to end. 40 sts
- ❑ Row 9: p
- ❑ Row 10: (kfb, k4) to end. 48 sts
- ❑ Rows 11-23: starting with a p row work in st st

- ❑ Row 24: k3, (k2tog, k6) five times, k2tog, k3. 42 sts
- ❑ Rows 25-29: starting with a p row work in st st
- ❑ Row 30: k3, (k2tog, k5) five times, k2tog, k2. 36 sts
- ❑ Rows 31-33: starting with a p row work in st st
- ❑ Row 34: k2, (k2tog, k4) five times, k2tog, k2. 30 sts
- ❑ Row 35: p
- ❑ Row 36: k2, (k2tog, k3) five times, k2tog, k1. 24 sts
- ❑ Row 37: p
- ❑ Row 38: (k2tog) to end. 12 sts
- Cast off

FEET (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and peach yarn cast on eight sts

- ❑ Rows 1-4: rep Rows 1-4 of Body
- ❑ Row 5 and every odd-numbered row: p
- ❑ Row 6: k6, (kfb, k2) four times, k to end. 28 sts
- ❑ Row 8: k8, (kfb, k3) four times, k to end. 32 sts
- Change to brown yarn
- ❑ Rows 9-10: p
- ❑ Rows 11-15: starting with a p row work in st st

- ❑ Row 16: k9, (k2tog, k2) three times, k2tog, k9. 28 sts
- ❑ Row 17: p
- ❑ Row 18: k6, (k2tog) eight times, k6. 20 sts
- ❑ Row 19-21: starting with a p row work in st st
- Cast off

ARMS (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and peach yarn cast on 13 sts

- ❑ Row 1: p
- ❑ Row 2: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. 15 sts
- ❑ Rows 3-5: starting with a p row work in st st
- ❑ Row 6: rep Row 2. 17 sts
- ❑ Rows 7-13: starting with a p row work in st st. Change to brown yarn
- ❑ Row 14: k



"If you want to give him a longer trunk, all you need to do is cast on more stitches during Row 10"

AMANDA BERRY, DESIGNER

THIS QUIRKY GIRAFFE TOY BY VAL PIERCE
WILL LIGHT UP EVERY NURSERY



KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

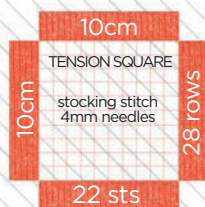
approx 30cm tall when sitting

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Sirdar Snuggly DK, (A) shade 426 Gold, two 50g balls, (B) shade 446 Rice Pud, (C) 200 Choco, one 50g ball of each, oddments of black DK

Needles: 4mm

Safety stuffing



SHOPPING LIST

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GIRAFFE

HEAD

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on six sts

- ❑ Row 1: p
- ❑ Row 2: kfb in each st to end. 12 sts
- ❑ Row 3: p
- ❑ Row 4: kfb in each st to end. 24 sts
- ❑ Row 5: p
- ❑ Row 6: * k1, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 36 sts
- ❑ Row 7: p
- ❑ Work Rows 8-25 in st st, pm on Row 21 to mark nose line
- Change to yarn B
- ❑ Work a further 16 rows in st st
- ❑ Row 42: k2tog across row. 18 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ❑ Row 46: k2tog across row. Nine sts
- Do not cast off, run yarn through sts on needle, draw up tight and secure

BODY

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- ❑ Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st

WHETHER YOU'RE A LOVER OF SOFT TOYS OR NOT, YOU SIMPLY CANNOT DENY HOW UTTERLY ADORABLE THIS GIRAFFE IS WITH HIS GAWKY POSTURE AND WARM EXPRESSION. THIS CHEERY SIMPLE MAKE IS KNITTED WITH COST-EFFECTIVE BABY YARN - IDEAL FOR THE LITTLE DARLINGS WHO INSIST ON KEEPING HIS COMPANY THROUGH MUCKY TEA PARTIES AND PUDDLE SPLASHING.



- ❑ Row 3: kfb in every st to end. 20 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ❑ Row 9: * kfb in next st, k1, rep from * to end. 30 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ❑ Row 15: * k2, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 40 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ❑ Row 21: * k3, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 50 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st
- ❑ Row 29: * k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 40 sts

- ❑ Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st
- ❑ Row 37: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to end. 30 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work nine rows in st st
- ❑ Row 47: * k1, k2tog, rep from * to end. 20 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ❑ Row 53: * k1, k2tog, rep from * to last two sts, k2. 14 sts
- ❑ Row 54: p
- ❑ Row 55: k2tog to end. Seven sts
- Cast off neck edge

LEGS (MAKE FOUR)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on eight sts

- ❑ Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st
- ❑ Row 3: kfb in each st to end. 16 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work 21 rows in st st
- ❑ Row 25: * k2, kfb in next st, rep from * to last st, k1. 21 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ❑ Row 29: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to last st, k1. 16 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ❑ Row 35: * k3, k2tog, rep from * to last st, k1. 13 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work 13 rows in st st, cut yarn
- Change to yarn C
- ❑ Row 49: * k2, kfb in next st, rep from * to last st, k1. 17 sts
- ❑ Work three rows in st st
- ❑ Row 53: * k2, kfb in next st, rep from * to last two sts, k2. 22 sts
- ❑ Work five rows in st st
- Cast off

BASE OF FEET (MAKE FOUR)

Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on five sts

- ❑ Row 1: p
- ❑ Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Seven sts
- ❑ Rep Rows 1-2. Nine sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ❑ Row 8: k2tog, k5, skpo. Seven sts
- ❑ Row 9: p
- ❑ Rep Rows 8-9. Five sts
- Cast off

HOW TO KNIT WISE

The positioning of the eyes, and the shape of the mouth help to give a character personality – and decide whether it looks realistic or not. Eyes are usually positioned half way between the top of the forehead, and the bottom of the chin (depending on your character) – but the key is to make sure everything is level, and evenly stuffed.



HOT TIP

Be sure to stuff each part of the toy quite firmly and smooth out any lumps in the stuffing

EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 12 sts

❑ Beg with a k row, work ten rows in st st

❑ Dec one st at each end of next and foll alt rows as for feet until two sts rem

❑ K2tog
Fasten off

INNER EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on ten sts

❑ Beg with a k row, work ten rows in st st

❑ Dec one st at each end of next and foll alt rows as for feet until two sts rem

❑ K2tog
Fasten off

HORNS (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on ten sts

❑ Beg with a k row, work ten rows in st st

❑ Row 11: * k1, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 15 sts

❑ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st

❑ Row 17: k1, * k2tog, rep from * to end. Eight sts

❑ Row 18: p

❑ Row 19: * k2tog, rep from * to end. Four sts

Cut yarn and run through sts on needle, draw up and fasten off

PATCHES (MAKE AS MANY AS DESIRED)

LARGE

Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on seven sts

❑ Beg with a k row, work eight rows in st st

Cast off

SMALL

Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on five sts

❑ Beg with a k row, work six rows in st st

Cast off

TAIL

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 14 sts

❑ Beg with a k row, work ten rows in st st

Cast off

Roll tail lengthways into a cylinder shape and sew in place down seam. Take a few strands of yarn C and make into a fringe, sew to one end of tail

TO MAKE UP

Stuff body quite firmly getting a nice shape, and sew seam noting that it will run down back of toy. Take Head and sew seam which runs underneath. Push plenty of stuffing well into nose area to give a full rounded shape. Close seam at back of Head. Take a needle threaded with yarn B, run through every stitch on marked nose line, starting and ending at seam. Pull up quite firmly to give more shape to nose, fasten off. Embroider eyes, mouth and nostrils using picture as a guide. Sew Ears together in pairs. Pin in position and sew to Head on either side. Sew side seam of Horns. Stuff firmly, run

a thread around top part of horn just below increase row, draw up gently to form ball on top of Horn, secure. Sew horns to top of head. Sew head firmly to Body. Sew seam of leg, leave base open to stuff and sew foot base in place. Stuff Leg, shaping as you go, padding out knees with extra stuffing. Thread a needle with yarn A, run yarn through each stitch above and below increase and decrease rows on Legs to shape knee. Draw each piece of yarn up gently to shape knees, fasten off. Sew Foot base in place, adding a bit more stuffing if needed to give hoof a nice shape. Repeat with other three legs. Once completed, sew Legs on to Body at shoulders and each side of base of Body. Sew tail to back of Body. Sew Patches on in random places all over Body and Legs, then sew tail to base of Body. Thread a needle with yarn C and make mane on head as follows: starting between Horns on top of Head, sew into head to secure yarn, coil yarn two or three times around your finger, place coils onto Head and sew in place, continue to do this on Head and on back of neck - threading more yarn as needed.

Backpack

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THESE FUN AND FANTASTICAL BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN FEATURE A BUMBLE BEE AND A VIBRANT LADYBIRD. GUARANTEED TO CHEER UP A GREY MONDAY MORNING, THESE TWO WILL MAKE A GREAT START TO A COLLECTION OF BACK PACKS. WHY NOT ADAPT THE DESIGNS TO CREATE A SPIDER WITH LONG, SPINDLY LEGS, A STRIPY CATERPILLAR OR EVEN A BUTTERFLY?

KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

34cm (length) x 32cm
(width at widest point)

KNIT KIT

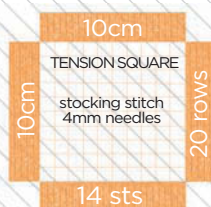
Yarn: Hayfield Bonus Chunky,
Bumble Bee: (A) shade 968
Black, (B) shade 978 Sunflower
Yellow, one 100g ball of each, (C)
shade 961 White, small amount

Lady Bird: (A) shade 968 Black,
(D) shade 977 Signal Red, one
100g ball of each

Needles: 6mm

Googly eyes, two

Toy stuffing, small amount



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BACKPACK

BACK

Using 6mm needles and yarn A, cast on
26 sts

- K two rows
- Row 3: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- Row 4: k2, m1, k to last two sts, m1, k2.
28 sts
- Row 5: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- Rep Rows 4-5 seven more times.
42 sts
- Next row: k
- Next row: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- Rep last two rows 16 more times
- Next row: k2, k2tog, k to last four sts,
k2tog, k2. 40 sts
- Next row: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- Rep last two rows six more times.
28 sts
- K two rows
- Next row (eyelet row): k3, * yfwd,
k2tog, k3, rep from * to end. 28 sts
- K three rows
- Cast off



LADYBIRD FRONT

NOTE: Letters foll instructions denote
yarn colour

Using 6mm needles and yarn D, cast
on 26 sts

- Rows 1-2: k
- Row 3: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- Join in yarn A to work centre two sts in
garter st
- Row 4: k2D, m1, k10D, k2A, k10D, m1,
k2D. 28 sts
- Row 5: k2D, p11D, k2A, p11D, k2D
- Rep Rows 4-5 seven times, inc as set
and working centre two sts in yarn A in
garter st. 42 sts
- Next row: k20D, k2A, k20D. 42 sts
- Next row: k2D, p18D, k2A,
p18D, k2D
- Rep last two rows 16 more times
- Next row: k2D, k2togD, k16D, k2A,
k16D, k2togD, k2D. 40 sts
- Next row: k2D, p17D, k2A,
p17D, k2D
- Rep previous two rows six more times.
28 sts
- Cut yarn A and continue in yarn
D only
- K two rows
- Next row (eyelet row): k3, * yfwd,
k2tog, k3, rep from * to end. 28 sts
- K three rows
- Cast off

BUMBLE BEE FRONT

Using 6mm needles and yarn B, cast on
26 sts

- Rows 1-2: k
- Row 3: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- Row 4: k2, m1, k to last two sts, m1, k2.
28 sts
- Row 5: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- Rep Rows 4-5 four more times.
36 sts
- Change to yarn A
- Next row: k2, m1, k to last two sts, m1,

- k2. 38 sts
- Next row: k
- Rep last two rows once more.
40 sts
- Change to yarn B
- Next row: k2, m1, k to last two sts, m1,
k2. 42 sts
- Next row: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- Next row: k
- Next row: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- Rep last two rows twice more
- ** Change to yarn A
- K four rows
- Change to yarn B
- Next row: k
- Next row: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- Rep last two rows three more times **



HOW TO

— KNIT WISE —

TWIST AND PULL

Creating a twisted cord is very simple, but there are two things to remember:

❑ When finished, the thickness of the cord will be double the thickness of strands used

❑ The strands of yarn need to be approximately three times the desired length of the finished cord

To create a twisted cord, knot the strands together at each end. Secure one end (for example, around a door handle) and insert a knitting needle into the other end (in front of the knot), turn needle so it twists the strands until it's so tight it begins to kink. Remove needle, and holding ends firmly, bring both knotted ends together and allow cord to twist around itself. Smooth out any kinks by pulling on both ends, and secure by tying knotted ends together

Rep from ** to **

Change to yarn A

❑ K four rows

Change to yarn B

❑ Next row: k2, k2tog, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2. 40 sts

❑ Next row: k2, p to last two sts, k2

❑ Rep last two rows three more times. 34 sts

Change to yarn A

❑ Next row: k2, k2tog, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2

❑ Next row: k

❑ Rep last two rows once more. 30 sts

Change to yarn B

❑ Next row: k2, k2tog, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2. 28 sts

❑ Next row: k2, p to last two sts, k2

❑ K two rows

❑ Next row (eyelet row): k3, * yfwd, k2tog, k3, rep from * to end

❑ K three rows

Cast off

FLAP (MAKE TWO FOR EACH)

NOTE: make one in yarn A and one in yarn B for Bumble Bee, and two in yarn A for Ladybird

Using 6mm needles and appropriate yarn, cast on 24 sts



❑ K four rows

❑ Row 5: k2, p to last two sts, k2

❑ Row 6: k2, m1, k to last two sts, m1, k2. 26 sts

❑ Rep Rows 5-6 twice more. 30 sts

❑ Next row: k2, p to last two sts, k2

❑ Next row: k

❑ Rep last two rows three more times

❑ Next row: k2, k2tog, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2. 28 sts

❑ Next row: k2, p to last two sts, k2

❑ Rep last two rows three more times. 22 sts

❑ Next row: k2, k2tog, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2. 20 sts

❑ Next row: k2, p2tog, p to last four sts, p2tog, p2. 18 sts

❑ Rep last two rows twice more. Ten sts

Cast off

STRAPS (MAKE TWO FOR EACH)

NOTE: Use yarn A for Benson and yarn D for Marieta

Using 6mm needles and appropriate yarn, cast on 25 sts

❑ Starting with a k row, work in st st until Strap meas 38cm
Cast off

ANTENNAE (MAKE TWO FOR EACH)

Using 6mm needles and yarn A, cast on 20 sts

❑ K two rows

Cast off

WINGS FOR BUMBLE BEE (MAKE TWO)

Using 6mm needles and yarn C, cast on 11 sts

❑ K two rows

❑ Cont in garter st, inc one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until there are 17 sts

❑ K two rows

❑ Cont in garter st, dec one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until there are nine sts

❑ K eight rows

Cast off

SPOTS FOR LADYBIRD (MAKE FIVE)

Using 6mm needles and yarn A, cast on three sts

❑ K one row

❑ Work in garter st, inc one st at each end of next and foll alt row to seven sts

❑ K two rows

❑ Cont in garter st, dec one st at each end of next and foll alt rows to three sts
Cast off

TO MAKE UP BUMBLE BEE

Weave in ends. Place Back onto Front, positioning Wings on each side of the body. Piece and sew the base and side seams together. Sew facial features on to Flap using image as a guide. Sew the two Flap pieces together, adding a little stuffing for padding. Pin the flap centrally in place along top of Back piece. Sew neatly to secure. Roll ends of Antennae to form little balls, sew in place on either side of top flap. Make a twisted cord using yarn B (see Knitwise) and thread through eyelet holes at top, draw up and tie in a bow. Take straps and fold them in half lengthways. Sew together. Pin straps to top and bottom of main pieces on either side. Sew in place

LADYBIRD

Make up as for Benson, omitting Wings and facial features. Sew spots onto Front in random places. Sew on googly eyes and embroider mouth using photo as a guide



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AMY ADAMS, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT, LET'S KNIT



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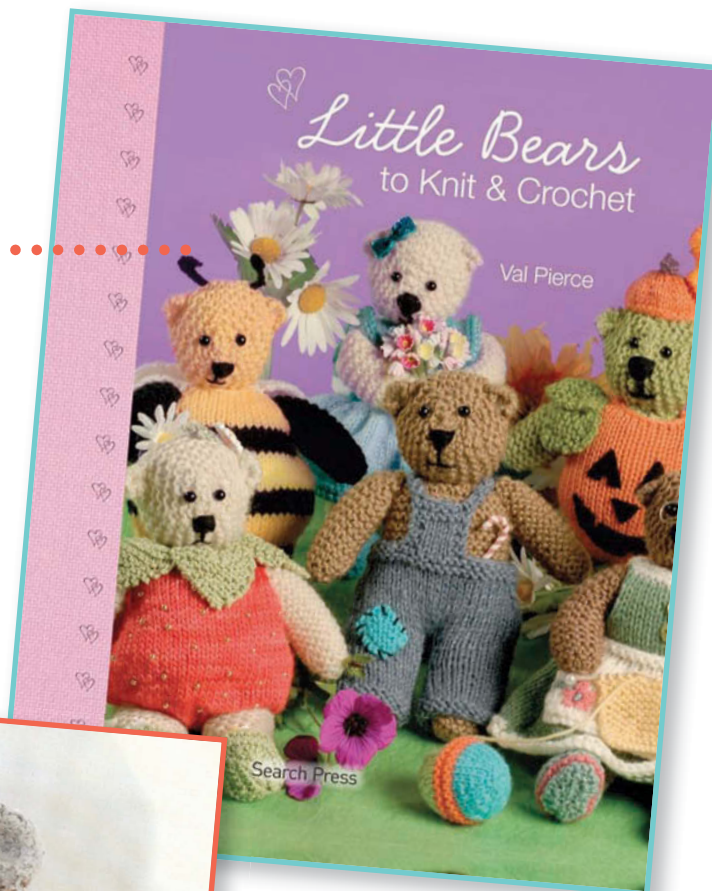
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KNIT ESSENTIALS

KNIT KIT

Yarn: DK from your Heritage kit

Needles: 4mm from your Heritage kit

Buttons, small, two, for eyes

Felt circles, white, two

Oddments of dark grey yarn

Stuffing

HEAD

Make one in light brown

Cast on 10 sts

- ❑ Row 1: p. 10 sts
- ❑ Row 2: (kfb) 10 times. 20 sts
- ❑ Row 3: p. 20 sts
- ❑ Row 4: (kfb, k1) 10 times. 30 sts
- ❑ Row 5: p. 30 sts
- ❑ Row 6: (kfb, k2) 10 times. 40 sts

- ❑ Row 7: p. 40 sts
 - ❑ Row 8: (kfb, k7) five times. 45 sts
 - ❑ Row 9: p. 45 sts
 - ❑ Row 10: k. 45 sts
 - ❑ Row 11: p. 45 sts
 - ❑ Row 12: k2, k2tog, k8, ssk, k16, k2tog, k8, ssk, k3. 41 sts
 - ❑ Row 13: p. 41 sts
 - ❑ Row 14: k14, cast off the next 12 sts, k rem sts. 29 sts
 - ❑ Row 15: slide the two sets of live sts tog on the needle, p14, p2tog, p13. 28 sts
 - ❑ Rows 16 to 19: starting with a k row, work stocking st for four rows
 - ❑ Row 20: (k2, k2tog) seven times. 21 sts
 - ❑ Row 21: p
 - ❑ Row 22: (k1, k2tog) seven times. 14 sts
 - ❑ Row 23: p2tog seven times. Seven sts
- Break the yarn, thread through the seven sts on the needle and pull off, gather tog for the top of the head and secure the thread
- Sew the side edges tog down the back of the head, leaving the cast on edge at the neck open. Join the cast off edges together

across the top of the nose. Stuff the head through the hole in the bottom. Embroider the nose in dark grey wool

EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using pink yarn cast on six sts

- ❑ Row 1: k to last st, kfb. Seven sts
 - ❑ Rows 2 to 4: rep Row 1. 10 sts
 - ❑ Rows 5 to 13: k
 - ❑ Row 14: k2tog, k to end of row. Nine sts
 - ❑ Rows 15 to 21: rep Row 14. Two sts
- Bind off
- Sew the cast off edge of each Ear to the top of the dog's head

BODY (MAKE ONE)

Using yellow yarn, cast on seven sts

- ❑ Row 1: p
- ❑ Row 2: kfb seven times. 14 sts
- ❑ Row 3: p
- ❑ Row 4: (kfb, k1) seven times. 21 sts
- ❑ Row 5: p
- ❑ Row 6: (kfb, k2) seven times. 28 sts

- ❑ Rows 7 to 33: starting and ending on a p row, work in stocking st
 - ❑ Row 34: (k2tog, k2) seven times. 21 sts
 - ❑ Row 35: p
 - ❑ Row 36: (k2tog, k1) seven times. 14 sts
 - ❑ Row 37: p
 - ❑ Row 38: k2tog seven times. Seven sts
- Break the yarn, thread through the seven sts on the needle and pull off, gather together for the end of the body and secure the thread



Although the pattern was written by the amazing Amanda Berry, this cute little pup was made up by Let's Knit deputy editor Adrienne Chandler, who just couldn't resist him!

Sew the side edges together, stuffing as you sew, and finish by gathering the cast on sts together. Sew the cast on sts of the head on to one top end of the body.

COLLAR (MAKE ONE)

Using purple yarn cast on 25 sts

❑ Row 1: k

Cast off all sts

Place around the neck and sew the two short ends together. Sew a button to decorate over the join

TAIL (MAKE ONE)

Cast on 11 sts in yellow

❑ Rows 1 to 4: starting with a p row, work in stocking st

❑ Row 5: change to light brown, p

❑ Row 6: k

❑ Row 7: p

❑ Row 8: k2tog five times, k1. Six sts

Break the yarn, thread through the six sts on the needle and pull off, gather tog for the tip of the tail and secure the thread.

Sew the side edges together, add a little stuffing as you sew, leaving the cast on edge at the base open. Sew the cast on edge to the top end of the body at the back.

FEET (MAKE FOUR)

Cast on 10 sts in light brown

❑ Row 1: p

❑ Row 2: kfb ten times. 20 sts

❑ Row 3: p

❑ Row 4: k1, kfb, k5, kfb six times, k5, kfb, k1. 28 sts

❑ Row 5: p

❑ Row 6: k

❑ Row 7: p

❑ Row 8: change to yellow, k

❑ Row 9: p

❑ Row 10: k1, k2tog, k5, k2tog six times, k5, k2tog, k1. 20 sts

❑ Row 11: p

❑ Row 12: k2tog ten times. 10 sts

Break the yarn, thread through the 10 sts on the needle and pull off, gather tog for the top of the foot and secure the thread.



Sew the side edges tog down the back of the Foot, adding a bit of stuffing as you sew, then sew the cast on sts tog. Sew the yellow top of each Foot to the bottom of the Body.

SPOTS

Make as many as you like. Amanda has made five for the Body, one for the face, and four for the Feet. Choose any colour combo you like to personalise your dog. Cast on 14 sts

❑ Row 1: k

❑ Row 2: k2tog seven times. Seven sts
Break the yarn, thread through the seven sts on the needle and pull off, gather tog for the centre of the spot and secure the thread. Sew the side edges together to make a circular shape (the cast on edge forms the outer edge or circumference of the circle). Sew the spot onto the Body, Feet, Head.

Finally, sew on the eyes which are two small black buttons on top of white felt circles as backing.

Bird

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FEATURING A TOUCH OF INTARSIA, A CLEVER DOSE OF SHAPING AND A HEAPED TABLESPOON OF CUTENESS, THIS BEAUTIFUL BLUE TIT SHOWCASES THE FOUR DK-WEIGHT YARNS TO PERFECTION. WHEN COMPLETE, THE CHIRPY BIRD WILL LOVE KEEPING COSY IN WINTER ON YOUR WINDOWSILL OR MANTELPIECE. WATCH OUT COME SPRING THOUGH, YOU MAY HAVE A NESTFUL!



KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Height excl. feet: 13cm

Length: 17cm

KNIT KIT

Yarn: DK, royal blue, white, turquoise, antique gold, black oddments

Needles: 3.5mm

Safety eyes, 6mm

Pipe cleaners, black, three

SHOPPING LIST

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BIRD
HEAD

Using 3.5mm needles and royal blue cast on seven sts

□ Row 1: kfb in each st to end. 14 sts

□ Row 2: p

□ Row 3: (k1, kfb) to end. 21 sts

□ Row 4: p

□ Row 5: (k2, kfb) to end. 28 sts

NOTE: colour preceding instruction indicates which yarn to use

□ Row 6: (royal blue) p12, (white) p4

(**NOTE:** carry white to end of row), (royal blue) p12

□ Rows 7-8: using white and starting with a k row work in st st

□ Rows 9-10: using turquoise and starting with a k row work in st st

NOTE: for Rows 11-14 carry unused yarns across back of work to end of each row, twisting yarns after every three or four sts and at end of each row

□ Row 11: (royal blue) kfb, k3, (white) k20, (royal blue) k3, kfb. 30 sts

□ Row 12: (royal blue) pfb, p4, (white) p20, (royal blue) p4, pfb. 32 sts

□ Row 13: (royal blue) k6, (white) k8, (royal blue) k4, (white) k8 (royal blue) k6

□ Row 14: (royal blue) p6, (white) p7,

(royal blue) p6, (white) p7, (royal blue) p6
Cont in royal blue

□ Row 15: k

□ Row 16: p1, p2tog, p10, p2tog tbl, p2, p2tog tbl, p10, p2tog tbl, p1. 28 sts

BODY

□ Row 17: (turquoise) kfb, k11, (antique gold) k4, (turquoise) k11, kfb. 30 sts

□ Row 18: (turquoise) pfb, p11, (antique gold) p6, (turquoise) p11, pfb. 32 sts

□ Row 19: (turquoise) kfb, k11, (antique gold) k8, (turquoise) k11, kfb. 34 sts

□ Row 20: (turquoise) pfb, p11, (antique gold) p10, (turquoise) p11, pfb. 36 sts

□ Row 21: (turquoise) kfb, k11, (antique gold) k12, (turquoise) k11, kfb. 38 sts

□ Row 22: (turquoise) pfb, p11, (antique gold) p14, (turquoise) p11, pfb. 40 sts

□ Row 23: (turquoise) kfb, k11, (antique gold) k16, (turquoise) k11, kfb. 42 sts

□ Row 24: (turquoise) pfb, p11, (antique gold) p18, (turquoise) p11, pfb. 44 sts

□ Row 25: (turquoise) kfb, k11, (antique gold) k20, (turquoise) k11, kfb. 46 sts

□ Row 26: (turquoise) pfb, p11, (antique gold) p22, (turquoise) p11, pfb. 48 sts

CHEST SHAPING

□ Row 27: (turquoise) cast on 12 sts,

k25, (antique gold) k15, yfwd, sl 1, yb, turn

Cont in antique gold only

□ Row 28: sl 1, p8, yb, sl 1, yfwd, turn

□ Row 29: sl 1, k10, yfwd, sl 1, yb, turn

□ Row 30: sl 1, p12, yb, sl 1, yfwd, turn

□ Row 31: sl 1, k14, yfwd, sl 1, yb, turn

□ Row 32: sl 1, p16, yb, sl 1, yfwd, turn

□ Row 33: (antique gold) sl 1, k19, (turquoise) k13

TAIL AND LOWER BODY

□ Row 34: (turquoise) cast on 12 sts, p25, (antique gold) p22, (turquoise) p25. 72 sts

□ Row 35: (turquoise) k25, (antique gold) k22, (turquoise) k25

□ Row 36: (turquoise) p25, (antique gold) p22, (turquoise) p25

□ Row 37: (turquoise) cast off four sts, k11, k2tog, k7, (antique gold) k3, k2tog, k12, ssk, k3, (turquoise) k7, ssk, k16. 64 sts

□ Row 38: (turquoise) cast off four sts, p19, (antique gold) p20, (turquoise) p20. 60 sts

□ Row 39: (turquoise) cast off four sts, k7, (k2tog) twice, k4, (antique gold) k3, k2tog, k10, ssk, k3, (turquoise) k4, (ssk) twice, k12. 50 sts

□ Row 40: (turquoise) cast off four sts, p13, (antique gold) p18, (turquoise) p14. 46 sts

□ Row 41: (turquoise) cast off four sts, k3, (k2tog) twice, k2, (antique gold) k3, k2tog, k8, ssk, k3, (turquoise) k2, (ssk) twice, k8. 36 sts

□ Row 42: (turquoise) cast off four sts,

HOW TO
KNIT WISE

Rows 17-26 of the bird's body use instarsia. You will need to separate the turquoise ball into two smaller balls, using one on each side of the central antique gold panel. Ensure you twist the yarns before each colour change to prevent holes forming

p7, (antique gold) p16, (turquoise) p8. 32 sts

□ Row 43: (turquoise) cast off two sts, k1, (k2tog) twice, (antique gold) k3, k2tog, k6, ssk, k3, (turquoise) [ssk] twice, k4. 24 sts

□ Row 44: (turquoise) cast off two sts, p3, (antique gold) p14, (turquoise) p4. 22 sts

□ Row 45: (turquoise) k2, k2tog, (antique gold) k2tog, k1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1, ssk, (turquoise) ssk, k2. 16 sts
Cast off, leaving a long tail

BEAK

Using 3.5mm needles and royal blue cast on ten sts

□ Row 1 (WS): p

□ Row 2: (k2tog, k1, k2tog) to end. Six sts

□ Row 3: p

□ Row 4: k2tog, k2, k2tog. Four sts

Cut yarn, thread onto tapestry needle, draw through rem sts on needle and fasten off left wing

* Using 3.5mm needles and royal blue cast on five sts



"The colours are perfect for a bright little blue tit. This cute bird is cleverly shaped by increasing and decreasing stitches and by using short rows to create the chest"

LYNNE ROWE, DESIGNER

- ❑ Row 1: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. Seven sts
 - ❑ Row 2: k
 - ❑ Row 3-6: rep Rows 1-2 twice. 11 sts
 - Change to white
 - ❑ Rows 7-8: k
 - Change to royal blue
 - ❑ Row 9: k
 - ❑ Row 10: (p1, k1) to last st, p1
 - ❑ Row 11: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
 - ❑ Row 12: rep Row 10 *
 - ❑ Row 13: (k1, p1) to last three sts, k1, p2tog. Ten sts
 - ❑ Rows 14-16: work in rib as set
 - ❑ Row 17: (k1, p1) to last two sts, k2tog. Nine sts
 - ❑ Rows 18-20: rep Rows 14-16
 - ❑ Rows 21-33: rep Rows 13-20 once, then Rows 13-17 again. Five sts
 - ❑ Row 34: k2tog, p1, k1, p1. Four sts
 - ❑ Row 35: k1, p1, k2tog. Three sts
 - ❑ Row 36: p3tog. One st
- Cut yarn, thread onto tapestry needle, draw through rem st on needle and fasten off

RIGHT WING

- Work as for Left Wing from * to *. 11 sts
- ❑ Row 13: p2tog, (k1, p1) to last st, k1. Ten sts
 - ❑ Rows 14-16: work in rib as set
 - ❑ Row 17: k2tog, (p1, k1) to end. Nine sts
 - ❑ Rows 18-20: work in rib as set
 - ❑ Rows 21-33: rep Rows 13-20 once, then Rows 13-17 again. Five sts
 - ❑ Row 34: p1, k1, p1, k2tog. Four sts
 - ❑ Row 35: p1, k1, p2tog. Three sts
 - ❑ Row 36: p3tog. One st
- Cut yarn, thread onto tapestry needle, draw through rem st on needle and fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Sew Beak seam closed using mattress st. Starting from Head of bird, gather cast-on sts then sew back seam down to tail end using matching yarns. Turn Beak on its side so seam is at bottom, then sew to centre front face. Affix safety eyes on either side of beak along blue stripe, leaving five sts between them. Firmly stuff Head and upper Body. Cont to sew underside of Tail and Lower Body, stuffing firmly as you sew. When you reach antique gold sts, fasten off turquoise and push more stuffing into gap if necessary. Gather cast-off sts to close seams. With straight side of each Wing lined up against back seam of main body, sew each Wing to back seam of body and around curved top edge. Mark sts where Legs will be inserted with two pins. Insert one black pipe cleaner through one marked st then

out through second marked st. Ensuring each Leg is 3cm in length, fold each pipe cleaner forward into an 'L' shape. * Take a separate pipe cleaner and wrap it around this 'L' shape to create three more claws (four claws in total). Twist one claw to back of foot. Wrap black yarn tightly around the leg and foot. Glue ends in place. Rep from * for second foot. Spray feet carefully with hairspray to keep yarn in place



"This chirpy little make is a great way to spend an afternoon and will also make a fabulous present not only for bird watchers but anyone who is a fan of our feathered friends"

JENNY WARD, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT, LET'S GET CRAFTING





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Fairy

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THIS BEAUTIFUL FLOWER FAIRY, WITH HER SPARKLY WINGS AND RIBBONS WILL BE A MAGICAL COMPANION FOR A LITTLE GIRL. WORKED MOSTLY IN STOCKING AND GARTER STITCH, THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT PARTS IN RELATIVELY SIMPLE PATTERNS. SHE IS ABSOLUTELY PERFECT FOR TEA PARTIES AT THE END OF THE GARDEN.



KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Flower friend: 36cm standing

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Wendy Peter Pan DK, (A) shade 902 Ballet Pumps, (B) shade 300 White, (C) Peter Pan Lustre DK, shade 700 White, (D) any DK in pale pink, (E) any DK in pale green, oddment of brown DK for hair, oddments of black and deep pink 4ply for features

Needles: 4mm

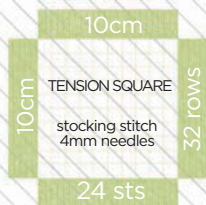
Safety stuffing

Ribbon: organza, narrow

Ribbon roses: three

Stitch holders

Stitch markers



SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

pfb: purl into front and back of next st

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FAIRY HEAD AND BODY

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 36 sts

- ❑ Work 16 rows in st st
- ❑ Work four rows in garter st
- Change to yarn A
- ❑ Work 24 rows in st st
- Pm at each end of last row to mark neckline
- ❑ Work 26 rows in st st

SHAPE TOP

- ❑ Row 1: k10, k2tog, sl 1, k1, pssso, k8, k2tog, sl 1, k1, pssso, k10. 32 sts
- ❑ Row 2: p
- ❑ Row 3: k9, k2tog, sl 1, k1, pssso, k6, k2tog, sl 1, k1, pssso, k9. 28 sts
- ❑ Row 4: p

- ❑ Row 5: k8, k2tog, sl 1, k1, pssso, k4, k2tog, sl 1, k1, pssso, k8. 24 sts
- ❑ Row 6: p
- ❑ Row 7: k2tog across row. 12 sts
- ❑ Row 8: p
- ❑ Row 9: k2tog across row. Six sts
- ❑ Row 10: p
- ❑ Cut yarn and run through sts on needle, draw up, fasten off

ARMS

Using yarn A, cast on nine sts

- ❑ Row 1: p
- ❑ Row 2: kfb each st to end. 18 sts
- ❑ Cont in st st for 20 rows
- ❑ Next row: * k2, kfb in next st, rep from * across row. 24 sts
- ❑ Next row: p
- ❑ Work six rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: k2tog across row. 12 sts
- ❑ Next row: p
- ❑ Next row: k2tog across row. Six sts.
- ❑ Cut yarn and run through sts on needle, draw up, fasten off
- ❑ Rep for second Arm

LEGS

Using yarn A, cast on 20 sts

- ❑ Work 28 rows in st st
- Cut yarn A and join yarn E
- ❑ Work two rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: k13, turn
- ❑ Next row: p6, turn
- ❑ Next row: k6 turn
- ❑ Rep last two rows twice more
- Cut yarn E, rejoin yarn E to sts on RH needle
- ❑ Pick up and k five sts along instep, six sts across toe, five sts down other side of instep, and finally k across sts on LH needle. 30 sts
- ❑ Next row: k
- ❑ Work four rows in garter st
- ❑ Next row: k2tog, k12, k2tog, k12, k2tog. 27 sts
- ❑ Next row: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 25 sts
- ❑ Next row: k2tog, k9, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k9, k2tog. 21 sts
- ❑ Cast off
- ❑ Rep for second Leg



HOW TO

— KNIT WISE —

MAKING UP

When stuffing the doll, make sure you use just enough to keep her nice and squashy. Too much and she may become hard or lumpy, not enough and she could be too floppy. Try inserting the stuffing gradually, making sure it is distributed evenly. Remember, you can always add or remove a little more until you're satisfied.

SHOE STRAPS

Using yarn E, cast on 22 sts

- ❑ K one row
- ❑ Cast off
- ❑ Rep for second strap

HAT PETALS

Using yarn D, cast on two sts

- ❑ Row 1: k
- ❑ Row 2: kfb in first st, k1. Three sts
- ❑ Row 3: k
- ❑ Row 4: kfb in first st, k to last st, kfb in last st
- ❑ Rep last two rows until there are 13 sts
- ❑ K two rows
- Leave sts on holder
- ❑ Row 5: kfb in first st, k to last st, kfb. Six sts
- ❑ Row 6: k
- ❑ Cont to inc as set at each end of next and foll alt row until there are ten sts
- ❑ K two rows
- Leave sts on spare stitch holders
- ❑ Rep four times for other petals

MAIN PART

- ❑ Work two rows in st st across all five petals. 50 sts
- ❑ Next row: * k3, k2tog, rep from * across row. 40 sts
- ❑ Next and all WS rows: p
- ❑ Next row: * k2, k2tog, rep from * across row. 30 sts
- ❑ Next RS row: * k1, k2tog, rep from * across row. 20 sts
- ❑ Beg p, work three rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: k2tog across row. Ten sts
- ❑ Next row: p

STALK

Change to yarn E

- ❑ Work six rows in garter st
- ❑ Next row: k2tog across row. Five sts
- ❑ Next row: k
- ❑ Next row: k2tog twice, k1



- ❑ Next row: k3tog
- ❑ Fasten off

PINK OVERSKIRT

Using yarn D, cast on 40 sts

- ❑ K two rows
- ❑ Work six rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: kfb in each st to end. 80 sts
- ❑ Next row: p
- ❑ Work two rows in st st

POINTS

Note: switch to garter st

- ❑ Row 1: k10, turn
- ❑ Working on these ten sts, k2tog at each end of next and foll alt rows until two sts rem
- ❑ Next row: k2tog
- ❑ Fasten off
- ❑ Return to rem sts and rep across next set of ten sts
- ❑ Cont until you have worked eight petal points in all
- Weave in ends and sew back seam of skirt

GREEN UNDERSKIRT

Using yarn E, cast on 40 sts

- ❑ K four rows
- ❑ Work four rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: kfb in each st to end. 80 sts
- ❑ Next row: p
- ❑ Work two rows in st st
- ❑ Work eight points as before
- Weave in ends and sew back seam of skirt

BODICE

Using yarn D, cast on 26 sts

- ❑ Work two rows in garter st
- ❑ Beg with a k row, work 14 rows in st st
- ❑ Cast off two sts at beg of next two rows
- ❑ Next row: k4, cast off 14 [one st on RH needle], k3
- ❑ Work 30 rows in garter st on first set of four sts
- Do not cast off but leave on stitch holder
- ❑ Return to rem four sts and work 29 rows
- ❑ Next row: k4 sts, turn and cast on 14 sts, turn and k across rem four sts
- ❑ P one row
- ❑ Cast on two sts at beg of next two rows

- ❑ Work 14 rows in st st
- ❑ Work two rows in garter st
- ❑ Cast off

FRILLS

- ❑ Using yarn D, with RS facing, pick up and k 30 sts along outside of strap
- ❑ Row 1: k
- ❑ Row 2: kfb in each st to end. 60 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Cut yarn D and join in yarn E
- ❑ Cast off firmly
- ❑ Rep for second frill
- Weave in all ends. Sew side seams and join frills at underarms. Take needle threaded with yarn E and run gathering thread along cast off edge of sleeve, draw up, fasten off
- ❑ Rep for second sleeve

CHOKER

Using yarn E, cast on 36 sts

- ❑ K two rows
- ❑ Cast off

WINGS

Using yarn C, cast on seven sts

- ❑ Row 1: k
- ❑ Working in garter st, inc one st at each end of next and every alt row until there are 29 sts
- ❑ Work four rows
- ❑ Dec one st at each end of next and every alt row until there are 13 sts
- ❑ Work two rows
- ❑ Inc one st at each end of next and every alt row until there are 29 sts
- ❑ Work four rows without shaping
- ❑ Dec one st at each end of next and every alt row until seven sts rem
- ❑ Cast off
- Weave in ends

TO MAKE UP

Sew seam down back of doll, leaving base open to stuff. Stuff Head, then semi-stuff Body. Beginning at back seam on marked neck row, weave yarn in and out of stitches from neck row, pull up tight to form head. Continue to stuff Body but do not close base. Take Arms and sew seam, stuff firmly and shape hand as you go, leaving enough fabric at top of arm to sew to body. Sew through one side of hand to form thumb. Sew Arms to body. Embroider facial features. Take Legs and in matching colours, sew sole and back seam. Stuff foot section, then rest of Leg. Sew body and legs together. Sew shoe straps in place around ankles, stitching ribbon rose on to front of each strap. To make hair, wind lengths of yarn around piece of card approx 30cm long. Lay bunches of yarn across head, sewing along centre line. Continue to lay bunches and sew in place until the Head is covered. Divide hair into 11 sections and plait, tying ends. Trim for even appearance. Sew top section of each plait to head, with no pink showing through. Slip bodice on to doll, stitch top of frilled pieces to shoulders. Place underskirt beneath overskirt, turn so that points alternate. Sew underskirt in place, slip on to doll. Stitch base of bodice to waist of skirt, thread ribbon around waist and tie in to bow. Place Wings on to back of doll, sew in place in centre of wings. Place Hat on to head, sew in place. Tie ribbon bow around base of alternate plaits. Place Choker around neck and sew at centre back, attach ribbon rose to centre front

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KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Happy Hippo: 10cm tall

KNIT KIT

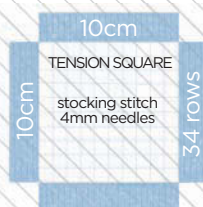
Yarn: King Cole Merino Blend DK, shade 791 Denim, two 50g balls, oddment of black DK

Needles: 3.25mm straight, plus one extra

Safety toy stuffing

Tapestry needle

Stitch holder



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HIPPO

FIRST LEG (MAKE TWO)

- ** Using 3.25mm needles, cast on six sts
- Row 1 (WS): p
 - Row 2: k1, m1, k4, m1, k1. Eight sts
 - Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
 - Cut yarn and place sts on holder

SECOND LEG (MAKE TWO)

- Work as for First leg but do not break yarn

JOIN LEGS

- With RS facing, k across sts of

- Second leg, turn, using cable method cast on 12 sts, turn, k across sts of first leg. 28 sts
- Beg working body as folls:
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st **
 - Pm on first and last sts of last row
 - Beg with a k row work 12 rows in st st
 - Next row: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog tbl. 26 sts
 - Next row: p2tog tbl, p to last two sts, p2tog. 24 sts
 - Rep last two rows twice more. 16 sts
 - Cast off

INSIDE LEGS AND GUSSET

(MAKE TWO)

- Rep from ** to ** of First and Second leg
- Cast off

HEAD

- Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 14 sts, pm in centre of cast-on sts
- Row 1 (WS): p
 - Row 2: k2, (m1, k1) five times, (k1, m1) five times, k2. 24 sts
 - Beg with a p row, work 13 rows in st st

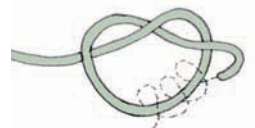
SHAPE TOP OF HEAD

- Row 16: (k2tog, k1) to end. 16 sts
- Row 17: p
- Row 18: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off



knitwise

EYESPY: To make the eyes, make a loose knot, winding yarn around four times. Pull the knot tight. Make two, checking the knots are the same size. Mark positions for the eyes and tie them in place. Thread the ends into the head to secure.



MUZZLE

- Using 3.25mm needles cast on 22 sts
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
 - Row 4 (RS): (k5, m1, k1, m1, k5) twice. 26 sts
 - Row 5: p
 - Row 6: (k6, m1, k1, m1, k6) twice. 30 sts
 - Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st
 - Row 14: * k2, (k2tog, k1) four times, k1, rep from * once. 22 sts
 - Row 15: p
 - Row 16: * k1, (k2tog) twice, k1, (k2tog) twice, k1, rep from * once. 14 sts
 - Cast off pwise

EARS (MAKE TWO)

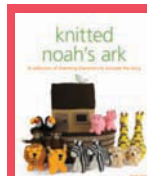
- Using 3.25mm needles cast on seven sts
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
 - Row 4 (RS): k1, (k2tog, k1) twice. Five sts
 - Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

TAIL

- Using 3.25mm needles cast on six sts
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
 - Row 6 (RS): k2, k2tog, k2. Five sts
 - Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
 - Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Place RS of body together, matching all edges. Sew around top edge from marker to marker. Do not remove markers yet. Turn right way out. With RS together, place one set of Inside legs and gusset on outside of one side of hippo, matching all edges. Sew around legs from marker to marker. Repeat for other side. Turn legs right way out. Stuff each leg, then stuff body and sew tummy seam. Join row ends of head, and stuff. Bring seam and marker together and oversew cast-on stitches. Join row-ends of muzzle and, with this seam at centre of underneath edge, join cast-off stitches. Stuff muzzle and sew cast-on stitches of muzzle to head, sewing lower edge of the muzzle to lower edge of head. Pin and sew head to body. Join row ends of Ears and with this seam at centre back, sew to Head. Join row ends of tail and sew to back. Add eyes (see Knitwise) and embroider nostrils using long straight stitches.



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Bunny

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AMANDA BERRY'S BRAMBLE BUNNY

TRY YOUR HAND AT THIS EVER-SO-SWEET PROJECT. THIS CUTIE WILL MAKE A PERFECT GIFT FOR A LITTLE ONE OR THOSE WHO LOVE MINI CUDDLY CRITTERS. BLUE AND GREEN YARNS WERE USED TO SHOW OFF HER SWEET OUTFIT, BUT YOU CAN USE ANY COLOURS OF YOUR CHOICE.



KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Height: 20cm

KNIT KIT

Yarn: DK, white, royal blue, turquoise; Lacy, white, pink

Needles: 3.5mm

Beads: 2, 5mm

Stuffing

SHOPPING LIST

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BRAMBLE BUNNY BODY

* Using 3.5mm needles and white cast on ten sts

- Row 1: p
 - Row 2: kfb in each st to end. 20 sts *
 - Rows 3-17: starting with a p row work in st st
 - ** Row 18: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts on needle and fasten off **

HEAD

Using 3.5mm needles and white work as for Body from * to *. 20 sts



HOW TO — KNIT WISE

To work a cable cast on, make a slip knot 15cm from the end of the yarn. Holding the needle with the slip knot in your left hand and the other needle in your right, put the tip of the RH needle into the stitch on the LH needle. * Bring the yarn under and around the point of the RH needle and pull tight so it's wrapped around the tip. Bring the yarn on the tip of the RH needle through the stitch and towards you. Carefully pull until the loop is large enough to slip over the tip of the LH needle. Take the RH needle out of the loop and pull the end of yarn so the loop fits around the LH needle. To cast on other stitches, put the tip of the RH needle between the last two stitches. Repeat from * until you have enough stitches

- Row 3: p
 - Row 4: (kfb, k1) to end. 30 sts
 - Rows 5-11: starting with a p row work in st st
 - Row 12: k4, (ssk, k1) three times, k5, (k2tog, k1) three times, k3. 24 sts
 - Row 13: p
 - Row 14: k4, (ssk, k2) twice, k2, (k2tog, k2) twice, k2. 20 sts
 - Rows 15-17: starting with a p row work in st st
 - Work as for Body from ** to **
 - Row 13: slide sts tog on needle, p4, p2tog, p4. Nine sts
 - Rows 14-22: starting with a k row work in st st
 - Row 23: (p2tog) to last st, p1. Five sts
- * Cut yarn, thread through rem sts on needle and fasten off *

LEG AND FOOT (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.5mm needles and white cast on 12 sts

- Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: p
- Row 2: (k1, m1, k4, m1, k1) to end. 16 sts
- Row 4: (k2, m1, k4, m1, k2) to end. 20 sts
- Row 6: k7, m1, (k2, m1) three times, k7. 24 sts
- Rows 7-10: starting with a p row work in st st
- Row 11: p9, p2tog, p2, p2tog, p9. 22 sts
- Row 12: k5, cast off next 12 sts, k to end. Ten sts

EAR (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.5mm needles and white cast on seven sts

- Rows 1-12: k
 - Row 13: (k1, k2tog) twice, k1. Five sts
 - Row 14: k
 - Row 15: k1, k2tog, k2. Four sts
 - Row 16: k
 - Row 17: k1, k2tog, k1. Three sts
- Work as for Leg and Foot from * to *

ARM (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.5mm needles and white cast on six sts

- Rows 1-11: starting with a p row work in st st
- Row 12: k1, (kfb) four times, k1. Ten sts

- Rows 13-15: starting with a p row work in st st
 - Row 16: (k2tog) to end. Five sts
- Work as for Leg and Foot from * to *

TO MAKE UP

Sew side edges of Body tog, stuffing as you sew. Leave cast-on edge open at top. Sew side edges of Head tog, stuffing as you sew. Leave cast-on edge open at bottom. Make eye indentations by sewing across and through middle of head from side to side, pulling sts tog. Secure yarn inside bunny. Embroider nose and add beads for eyes. Join bottom of Head to top of Body, sewing around neckline. Sew side edges of Feet tog, stuffing as you sew. Join cast-on edge tog at sole of Foot and join seam on top of Foot. Sew Legs to bottom of Body. Fold Ears in half and sew cast-on edges to top of Head. Using Lacy white and Lacy pink make a mini pom-pom using fork method. Sew to bottom back of Body. Sew side edges of Arms tog, stuffing as you sew. Sew Arms to top of Body



SAFETY FIRST!

IF MAKING THIS FOR A CHILD, BE SURE TO AFFIX SAFETY EYES OR USE YARN INSTEAD TO EMBROIDER THEM INSTEAD

Cast off

- ❑ With WS facing rejoin Chalk Green to rem two sts
 - ❑ Starting with a p row work eight rows in st st
- Cast off

TO MAKE UP

Sew side edges of Shoes and join cast-on edge at bottom of Shoe. Sew each end of Shoe Strap on top of Shoe. Use Lacy White to embroider button detail on one side. Sew side seam of Dress from cast-on edge to waistband. Sew ends of straps to top of front dress bib. Use Lacy White to embroider button detail on top of Strap



"My favourite bit was making the tail! A laceweight yarn is perfect for a mini pom-pom because it is so soft, and I mixed two colours together to make a pink and white tail"

AMANDA BERRY, DESIGNER

BUNNY OUTFIT

SHOE (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.5mm needles and Airforce Blue cast on 16 sts

- ❑ Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: k
 - ❑ Row 2: (k1, m1, k6, m1, k1) to end. 20 sts
 - ❑ Row 4: (k2, m1, k6, m1, k2) to end. 24 sts
 - ❑ Row 6: k9, m1, k6, m1, k9. 26 sts
 - ❑ Rows 7-9: k
 - ❑ Row 10: k6, (ssk) three times, k2, (k2tog) three times, k6. 20 sts
 - ❑ Row 11: k
- Cast off

SHOE STRAP (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.5mm needles and Airforce Blue cast on 12 sts via cable cast on method

Cast off

DRESS

Using 3.5mm needles and Chalk Green cast on 46 sts

- ❑ Row 1: p
 - ❑ Row 2: k1, work Row 2 of Chart on p58, k1
 - ❑ Row 3: p1, work Row 3 of Chart, p1
 - ❑ Row 4: k1, work Row 4 of Chart, k1
 - ❑ Rows 5-13: starting with a p row work in st st
 - ❑ Row 14 (waistband): k1, (k2tog) to last st, k1. 24 sts
 - ❑ Row 15: p12, turn
 - ❑ Row 16 (front): ssk, k to last two sts, k2tog. Ten sts
 - ❑ Row 17: p10, turn
 - ❑ Row 18: rep Row 16. Eight sts
 - ❑ Row 19: p8, turn
 - ❑ Row 20: k
 - ❑ Row 21: rep Row 19
- Cast off eight sts for front, with WS facing rejoin Chalk Green to rem 12 sts
- ❑ Row 15 and every odd-numbered row: p
 - ❑ Row 16: ssk, k to last two sts, k2tog. Ten sts
 - ❑ Row 18: rep Row 16. Eight sts
 - ❑ Row 20: k
 - ❑ Row 22: k2, cast off next four sts, k to end. Four sts
 - ❑ Rows 23-30 (strap): working on first two sts only and starting with a p row work in st st



Kevin

KNIT AMANDA BERRY'S CUTE PENGUIN, WITH A PLAYFUL EXPRESSION

HERE IS A FUNKY LITTLE FELLA WITH A SPRING IN HIS STEP AND A TWINKLE IN HIS EYE! PENGUINS ARE WELL-LOVED ALL AROUND THE WORLD, AND THIS ONE WILL MAKE A WONDERFUL COMPANION FOR YOUR LITTLE ONE - OR BETTER YET, FOR YOU! HE CAN BE KNITTED WITH LESS THAN 25G IN EACH COLOUR, SO HE IS THE PERFECT EXCUSE TO USE UP THOSE ODDS AND ENDS.



KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Height (body): 12cm

Circumference (body): 17.5cm

KNIT KIT

Yarn: King Cole Dollymix (A) shade 7 Nil, (B) shade 143 Surf, (C) shade 55 Gold, one 25g ball of each

Needles: 4mm straight, 4mm double-pointed (optional)

Felt: white

Buttons: black

Safety toy stuffing

HOW TO — STUFF TOYS —

Feeling stuffed? When stuffing a toy, break off little pieces of stuffing at a time and make sure you push them right into the edges of the toy, to keep it even. Using the picture as a guide, try to match the shape by not over- or under-stuffing.

WHY NOT
MAKE A
WHOLE FAMILY
OF PENGUINS?



PENGUIN

HEAD AND BODY (IN THE ROUND)

NOTE: These instructions are for knitting the penguin in the round. If you would prefer to knit him flat, see below. Using 4mm double-pointed needles and yarn A, cast on six sts. Divide evenly over three needles and join to work in the round

- Rnd 1 (RS): (kfb) six times. 12 sts
- Rnd 2: k
- Rnd 3: (kfb) 12 times. 24 sts
- Rnd 4: k
- Rnd 5: (kfb, k2) eight times. 32 sts
- Rnds 6-20: k
- Change to yarn B
- Rnds 21-35: k
- Rnd 36: (k2tog, k2) eight times. 24 sts
- Rnd 37: k
- Rnd 38: (k2tog, k1) eight times. 16 sts
- Rnd 39: k

Stuff body evenly

- Rnd 40: (k2tog) eight times. Eight sts
- Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
- Gather sts together to close top of head.
- Sew running stitch around cast-on sts at base, gather to close hole

HEAD AND BODY (FLAT)

NOTE: These instructions are for knitting the penguin flat. If you would prefer to knit him in the round, see above. Using 4mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on seven sts

- Row 1 (RS): k1, (kfb) six times. 13 sts
- Row 2: p
- Row 3: k1, (kfb) 12 times. 25 sts
- Row 4: p
- Row 5: k1, (kfb, k2) eight times. 33 sts
- Rows 6-20: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Change to yarn B
- Rows 21-34: beg with a k row, work in st st
- Row 35: k1, (k2tog, k2) eight times. 25 sts
- Row 36: p
- Row 37: k1, (k2tog, k1) eight times. 17 sts
- Row 38: p
- Row 39: k1, (k2tog) eight times. Nine sts
- Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
- Sew side edges together. Stuff Body evenly. Sew running stitch around cast-on stitches at base, gather to close hole

FEET (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on 22 sts

- Row 1 and foll odd-numbered rows: p
- Row 2: k1, (k2tog, k2) twice, k2tog, (k2tog, k2) two times, k2tog, k1. 16 sts
- Row 4: k1, k2tog, (k2tog, k1, k2tog) twice, k2tog, k1. Ten sts
- Row 6: k1, (k2tog) four times, k1. Six sts
- Row 8: (k2tog) three times. Three sts
- Row 9: p
- Cast off
- Fold in half and sew around edges, stitch to base of penguin

WING A

- Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 15 sts
- Row 1: k to last st, sl 1 pwise wyif
 - Row 2: k1, k2tog, k to last stitch, sl 1 pwise wyif. 14 sts
 - Rows 3-10: rep Rows 1-2 four times. Ten sts
 - Row 11: as Row 1
 - Cast off

WING B

- Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 15 sts
- Row 1: k to last st, sl 1 pwise wyif
 - Row 2: k to last three sts, k2tog, sl 1

- pwise wyif. 14 sts
- Rows 3-10: rep Rows 1-2 four times. Ten sts
- Row 11: as Row 1
- Cast off
- Sew side edge of wings to side of penguin with point facing downwards

BEAK

- Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on ten sts
- Row 1 and foll odd-numbered rows: p
 - Row 2: k3, ssk, k2tog, k3. Eight sts
 - Row 4: k2, ssk, k2tog, k2. Six sts
 - Row 6: k1, ssk, k2tog, k1. Four sts
 - Row 8: k1, (kfb) twice, k1. Six sts
 - Row 10: k2, (kfb) twice, k2. Eight sts
 - Row 12: k3, (kfb) twice, k3. Ten sts
 - Row 13: p
 - Cast off
 - Fold in half, sew sides together, add stuffing.
 - Sew cast-on and cast-off edges to front of body. Sew buttons through felt above beak for eyes, using picture as a guide

MAKE SUSIE JOHN'S SET OF THREE CUTE ANIMAL KITS TO KEEP

MAKE YOUR OWN THREE FUN MASCOTS TO BRING EVERYONE A LITTLE EXTRA CHEER. WHETHER YOU SLIP THE CROCODILE IN YOUR BAG OR SIT THE BEAR ON YOUR DESK AT WORK, THEY ARE SURE TO BRING YOU A SMILE. THE OCTOPUS IS A HANDY FINGER PUPPET IF THE LITTLE ONES NEED ENTERTAINING IN AN EMERGENCY!



HOT TIP

These quick and easy makes would be great for children's party bags

KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Bear: Height: 20cm, body circumference: 17cm

Octopus: Height: 9cm, diameter: 3cm

Crocodile: Length: 12cm, width: 11cm

KNIT KIT

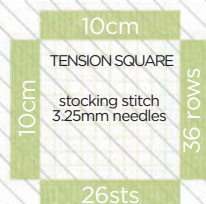
Yarn: Bear and Octopus: Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK, (A) shade 344 Little Linen (for Bear), (B) 219 Carrots (for Octopus), one 50g ball of each; Crocodile: Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, (C) 58 Grass, (D) 12 Red, one 50g ball of each
Oddments of black and white 4ply yarn, for embroidery

Needles: 3.25mm straight, 3.25mm dpns (for Bear)

Tapestry needle

Buttons: four, 1cm, white

Polyester safety toy stuffing



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BEAR BODY AND HEAD

Using 3.25mm dpns and yarn A, cast on three sts, divide between three needles, join in the rnd

- ❑ Rnd 1: kfb three times. Six sts
- ❑ Rnd 2: kfb six times. 12 sts
- ❑ Rnd 3: (k1, kfb) six times. 18 sts
- ❑ Rnd 4: (k2, kfb) six times. 24 sts
- ❑ Rnd 5: (k3, kfb) six times. 30 sts
- ❑ Rnd 6: k
- ❑ Rnd 7: (k4, kfb) six times. 36 sts
- ❑ Rnds 8-26: k
- ❑ Rnd 27: (k4, k2tog) six times. 30 sts
- ❑ Rnd 28 and foll even-numbered rnds: k
- ❑ Rnd 29: (k3, k2tog) six times. 24 sts
- ❑ Rnd 31: (k2, k2tog) six times. 18 sts
- ❑ Rnd 33: (k2, kfb) six times. 24 sts
- ❑ Rnd 35: (k7, kfb) three times. 27 sts
- ❑ K eight rnds
- ❑ Rnd 44: (k1, k2tog) nine times. 18 sts

Cast off

ARMS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn



A, cast on three sts

- ❑ Row 1 (and all odd-numbered rows): p
- ❑ Row 2 (RS): kfb three times. Six sts
- ❑ Row 4: kfb six times. 12 sts
- ❑ Row 6: k1, m1, k10, m1, k1. 14 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work 17 rows in st st
- ❑ Row 24: k1, sl 1, k1, pssso, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1
- ❑ Row 25: p
- ❑ Rep Rows 24-25 four times more

Cast off rem four sts

LEGS (MAKE TWO)

- ❑ Work as for Arms to Row 4
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ❑ Row 8: k6, w & t
- ❑ Row 9 and foll odd-numbered rows: p
- ❑ Row 10: k5, w & t
- ❑ Row 12: k4, w & t
- ❑ Row 14: k3, w & t
- ❑ Row 16: k2, w & t
- ❑ Row 18: k to end working wraps tog with sts
- ❑ Row 19: p6, w & t
- ❑ Row 20 and foll even-numbered rows: k
- ❑ Row 21: p5, w & t
- ❑ Row 23: p4, w & t
- ❑ Row 25: p3, w & t
- ❑ Row 27: p2, w & t
- ❑ Row 29: p to end working wraps tog with sts
- ❑ Row 30: k1, m1, k10, m1, k1. 14 sts
- ❑ Row 31: p
- ❑ Row 32: k1, m1, k12, m1, k1. 16 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work 13 rows in st st, then follow instructions for Arms

HOW TO KNIT WISE

High tension: When working on a small scale, tension is not as important as it is when knitting a garment. However, it is important to create a firm fabric, especially if the item is to be filled with stuffing. If necessary – and especially if you often knit to a loose tension – you may need to use a smaller needle than the one stated in the pattern.

from Row 24 to end

Cast off

MUZZLE

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on three sts

- ❑ Row 1 and foll odd-numbered rows: p
- ❑ Row 2: kfb three times. Six sts
- ❑ Row 4: kfb six times. 12 sts
- ❑ Row 6: (k1, kfb) six times. 18 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st

Cast off

THE BUTTONS ARE OPTIONAL ON THE BEAR – LEAVE THEM OFF IF GIVING TO A VERY YOUNG CHILD





EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on eight sts

- ❑ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ❑ Row 6: k2tog, k4, k2tog. Six sts
- ❑ Row 7: p
- ❑ Row 8: kfb, k4, kfb. Eight sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st

Cast off

TO MAKE UP

Stuff Body and Head, sew a running stitch around neck and pull up slightly to tighten. Stitch side seam on muzzle using backstitch, turn right side out and stitch to front of head, adding a little stuffing before making last few stitches. Fold each ear in half, with right sides together and stitch side seams in backstitch, turn right sides out and stitch to head. Fold each arm and leg in half lengthways, with right sides facing, and stitch side seams; leave top open. Turn right sides out and stuff, then stitch openings closed. Stitch top of one Arm to shoulder on one side, taking the needle right through to the other side of the Body and through the top of the second arm. Do this, backwards and forwards, several times, then sew a button in place (if using) at the top of each arm. Do the same with the two legs. Embroider features using black yarn.

OCTOPUS

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn B, (cast on 22 sts, cast off 20 sts, transfer st from RH to LH needle) eight times. 16 sts

- ❑ Beg with a k row, work 14 rows in st st
- ❑ Row 15: (k2, k2tog) four times. 12 sts

- ❑ Row 16: p
- ❑ Row 17: (k1, k2tog) four times. Eight sts
- ❑ Row 18: p
- ❑ Row 19: k2tog four times. Four sts
- ❑ Cut yarn and thread tail through rem sts

TO MAKE UP

Pull tail of yarn to close up sts on last row, then use tail to stitch back seam using mattress stitch. Weave in loose ends. Embroider features using image as a guide

CROCODILE BODY (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn C, cast on two sts

- ❑ Row 1 (WS): p
- ❑ Row 2: kfb twice. Four sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ❑ Row 6: k1, kfb twice, k1. Six sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work nine rows in st st
- ❑ Row 16: k1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1. Eight sts
- ❑ Row 17: p
- ❑ Row 18: k1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1. 10 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work 11 rows in st st
- ❑ Row 30: k3, skpo, k2tog, k3. Eight sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work 11 rows in st st
- ❑ Row 42: k1, skpo, k2tog, k1. Four sts
- ❑ Row 43: p

Cast off

MOUTH

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn D, cast on three sts

- ❑ Row 1 (WS): p
- ❑ Row 2: (k1, m1) twice, k1. Five sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work 17 rows in st st
- ❑ Row 20: k1, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k1. Three sts
- ❑ Row 21: p

Cast off

LEGS (MAKE FOUR)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn C, cast on eight sts

- ❑ Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st
- ❑ Row 8: k6, w & t
- ❑ Row 9: p4, w & t
- ❑ Row 10: k3, w & t
- ❑ Row 11: p2, w & t
- ❑ Row 12: k across row working wraps tog with sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st

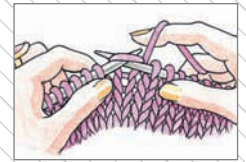
Cast off

EYES (MAKE TWO)

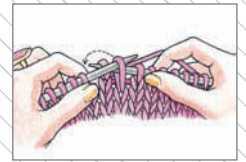
Using 3.25mm needles and yarn C, cast on two sts

- ❑ Row 1: kfb twice. Four sts
- ❑ Row 2: kfb four times. Eight sts
- ❑ Row 3: p
- ❑ Cut yarn and thread through all sts

HOW TO STITCH SCHOOL



- 1 Slip one stitch knitwise on to the right hand needle, then knit the next two stitches together.



- 2 With the tip of the left hand needle, pick up the stitch just slipped and bring it over the knitted stitch and off the needle.

TO MAKE UP

Place two body pieces of Crocodile together, with right sides facing, and stitch side seams, leaving head end open. Turn right sides out and stitch mouth piece to sides of head. Oversew edges of Mouth with white yarn, to represent teeth. Stitch Leg seams and stitch tops of Legs to crocodile's body. Pull up yarn tail on each eye and encourage each one into a ball shape, then stitch to head. Embroider features, using image as a guide.



Monkey

YOU CAN'T HELP BUT SMILE BACK AT
AMANDA BERRY'S GRINNING MONKEY CUSHION



THIS CHEEKY MONKEY AVOIDS ANY TRICKY COLOURWORK, MAKING IT ACCESSIBLE TO KNITTERS OF ALL LEVELS. THE HEAD, NOSE AND EYES SECTIONS ARE ALL KNITTED SEPARATELY. USE A CHEERFUL PALETTE OF SUNSET STRIPES ON THE FRONT AND PINK AND GREY HUES ON THE BACK. WHEN WORKING THE STRIPES, DO NOT CUT THE YARN AT THE END OF EACH ROW. INSTEAD, CARRY THE UNUSED YARN UP THE SIDE OF THE WORK. THIS SAVES YARN AND MEANS THERE ARE NO TAILS TO SEW IN – BONUS!

KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Width excl. ears: 33cm

Height: 14.5cm

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Aran, orange, yellow, baby pink, dusky pink, grey, white

Needles: 5.5mm

Safety eyes

Thread

SHOPPING LIST

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CHEEKY MONKEY HEAD

Using 5.5mm needles and orange cast on 36 sts

Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: (yellow, pink, orange) 13 times, yellow

- ❑ Row 1: p
- ❑ Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 38 sts
- ❑ Rows 3-12: rep Rows 1-2 five times. 48 sts
- ❑ Rows 13-29: starting with a p row work in st st
- ❑ Row 30: ssk, k to last two sts, k2tog. 46 sts
- ❑ Row 31: p
- ❑ Rows 32-40: rep Rows 30-31 four times then Row 30 again. 36 sts
- Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: (grey, pink) 13 times, grey, pink
- ❑ Rows 41-71: rep Rows 1-31. 46 sts
- ❑ Rows 72-81: rep Rows 30-31 five times. 36 sts
- Cast off in pink



EYES

Using 5.5mm needles and white cast on 20 sts

- ❑ Rows 1-3: starting with a p row work in st st Row 4: k10, turn
- ❑ Row 5: p
- ❑ Row 6: ssk, k6, k2tog, turn
- ❑ Row 7: p
- ❑ Row 8: ssk, k4, k2tog, turn
- Cast off six sts
- Rejoin white and with RS facing
- ❑ Work on ten sts held from Row 4
- ❑ Row 4: k10
- ❑ Row 5: p
- ❑ Row 6: ssk, k6, k2tog. Eight sts

❑ Row 7: p

❑ Row 8: ssk, k4, k2tog. Six sts

Cast off six sts

NOSE

Using 5.5mm needles and white cast on 26 sts

- ❑ Row 1: p
- ❑ Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 28 sts
- ❑ Rows 3-10: rep Rows 1-2 four times. 36 sts
- ❑ Rows 11-15: starting with a p row work in st st
- ❑ Row 16: ssk, k to last two sts, k2tog. 34 sts

❑ Row 17: p

❑ Rows 18-25: rep Rows 16-17 four times. 26 sts

Cast off

EAR (MAKE TWO)

Using 5.5mm needles and baby pink cast on three sts

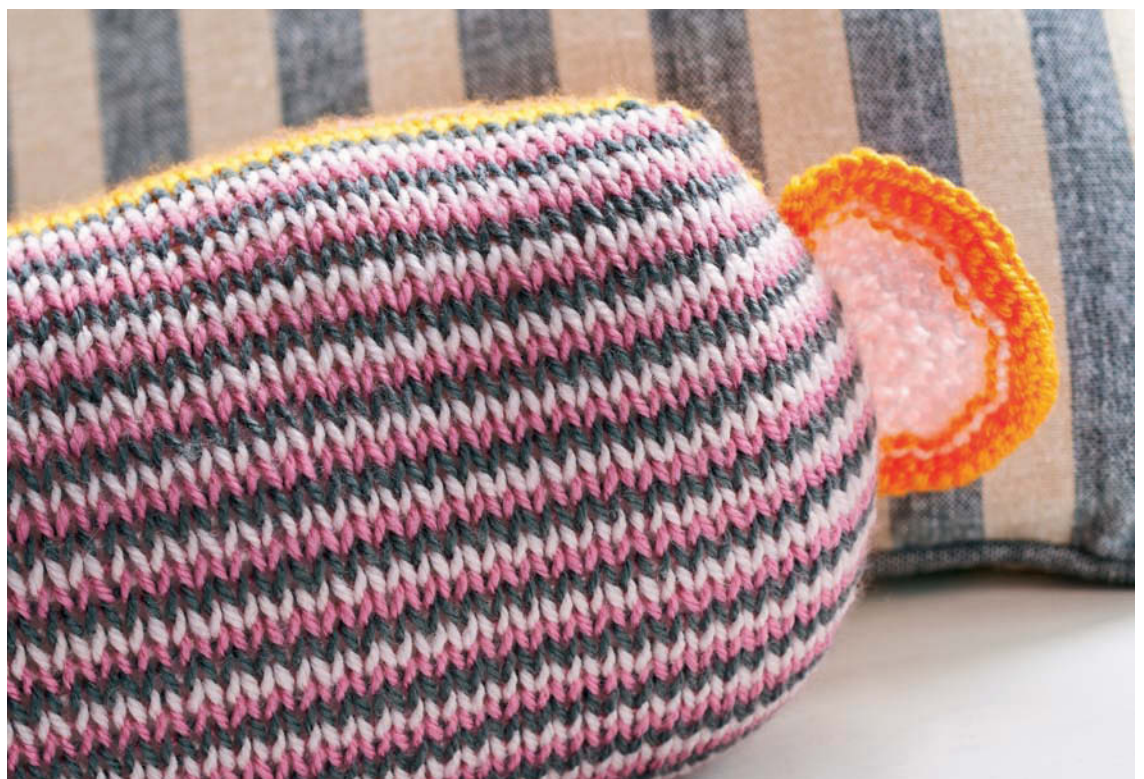
- ❑ Row 1: kfb in each st to end. Six sts
- ❑ Row 2: k
- ❑ Rows 3-4: rep Rows 1-2. 12 sts
- ❑ Row 5: (kfb, k1) to end. 18 sts
- ❑ Row 6: k
- ❑ Row 7: (kfb, k2) to end. 24 sts
- Change to orange
- ❑ Row 8: k
- ❑ Row 9: (kfb, k3) to end. 30 sts
- ❑ Row 10: k
- Cast off

TO MAKE UP

Fold Head piece in half and sew around open edges, stuffing as you sew. Join cast-on edge of Eyes to cast-off edge of Nose. Sew onto front of face, stuffing as you sew. Sew eyes onto Eye piece. Embroider mouth using grey yarn, grey cotton thread and couching stitch. Sew side edges of Ears to sides of face.

HOW TO KNIT WISE

Row 30 of the Head section of this pattern features two different decreasing stitches. An ssk decrease slopes to the left whilst a k2tog decrease slopes to the right. It's important to work the correct decrease to keep your work looking neat



MAKE VAL PIERCE'S INSIDE OUT PROJECT THE PICK OF THE BUNCH

CROCHET ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Approx. 18cm from tip of nose to back of shell

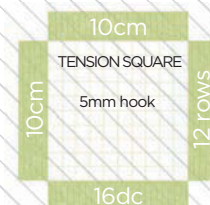
CROCHET KIT

Yarn: Heritage kit. (You can use these colour choices or choose your own colour scheme from the yarns in the kit).

Hook: 5mm

Two small black beads for flower eyes (optional, as you may also embroider the eyes with black yarn).

Small amount of safety stuffing.



BASE FOR TORTOISE

Using 5mm hook and either yellow or beige make 2ch

- ❑ Work 6dc into second ch from hook, join with a sl st. Six sts
 - ❑ Next Rnd: 2dc in each st around, join with a sl st. 12 sts
 - ❑ Next Rnd: 1ch, * 1dc into next dc, 2dc in next dc, rep from * all around, join with a sl st. 18 sts
 - ❑ Next Rnd: 1ch, * 1dc into each of next 2dc, 2dc in next dc, rep from * all around, join as before. 24 sts
 - ❑ Next Rnd: 1ch, * 1dc into each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc, rep from * all around, join as before. 30 sts
 - ❑ Next Rnd: 1ch, * 1dc into each of next 4dc, 2dc in next dc, rep from * all around, join as before. 36 sts
 - ❑ Next Rnd: 1ch, 1dc into each dc to end
 - ❑ Rep last round twice more
 - ❑ Change to green and work two more rounds in dc
- Change to beige, turn work and work from inside the piece
- ❑ Next Rnd: (working into the back loops only) * 1tr into next dc, sl st into next dc, rep from * all around, join with a sl st, turn work
 - ❑ Next Rnd: 1ch, working into missed loop of prev rnd, work 1dc into each dc all around, join as before

MAKE TODAY
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THE RECIPIENTS OF YOUR PRESENT WILL HAVE DOUBLE THE FUN WITH THIS UNUSUAL AND DETAILED MAKE, CREATED USING THE HERITAGE KIT THAT ARRIVED WITH THIS TITLE. CHILDREN ESPECIALLY WILL LOVE THE ADDED SURPRISE WHEN THEY TURN THE CHEERY-LOOKING FLOWER OVER TO REVEAL A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA UNDERNEATH, AND THIS DELIGHTFUL PROJECT HAS A MAGICAL TWIST SURE TO THRILL FOR YEARS TO COME.





- Next Rnd: 1ch, work 1dc into each dc all around, join with a sl st
- Next Rnd: 1ch, * 1dc into next dc, dc2tog, rep from * all around. Fasten off

BASE FOR FLOWER

- Using 5mm hook and yellow make 2ch, work 6dc into second ch from hook, join with a sl st. Six sts
- Next Rnd: 2dc in each st around, join with a sl st. 12 sts
- Next Rnd: 1ch, * 1dc into next dc, 2dc in next dc, rep from * all around, join with a sl st. 18 sts
- Next Rnd: 1ch, * 1dc into each of next 2dc, 2dc in next dc, rep from * all around, join as before. 24 sts
- Next Rnd: 1ch, * 1dc into each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc, rep from * all around, join as before. 30 sts
- Next Rnd: 1ch, * 1dc into each of next 4dc, 2dc in next dc, rep from * all around, join as before. 36 sts
- Next Rnd: 1ch, 1dc into each dc to end Rep last round five times more Turn work and work from inside the piece
- Next Rnd: (working into the back loops only) * 1tr into next dc, sl st into next dc, rep from * all around, join with a sl st, turn work
- Next Rnd: 1ch, working into missed loop of previous round, work 1dc into

each dc all around, join as before

- Next Rnd: 1ch, work 1dc into each dc all around, join with a sl st
- Next Rnd: 1ch, * 1dc into next dc, dc2tog, rep from * all around. Fasten off

FLOWER PETALS

- Using pink and 5mm hook make 38ch, join into a circle
- Work * 3ch, 3tr, 3ch, 1dc into circle, rep from * 12 more times. Join with a sl st to beginning of rnd Fasten off
- Make two more rings of petals in the same way
- Using pink and 5mm hook make 28ch, join with a sl st to form a ring
- Work * 3ch, 3tr, 3ch, 1dc into circle, rep from * eight more times. Join with a sl st to beginning of round Fasten off

LEAVES (MAKE FOUR OR AS MANY AS DESIRED)

- Using green and 5mm hook make 6ch
- 1dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1tr into each of next 3ch, 1dc into last ch, fasten off

TORTOISE

FEET (MAKE FOUR)

- Using green and 5mm hook make 3ch,

work 11tr into third ch from hook, join into a circle with a sl st

- Work 1ch, 1dc into each tr all around, join with a sl st Fasten off

SPOTS (MAKE FIVE)

- Using purple and 5mm hook make 2ch, 6 dc into second ch from hook join with a sl st to form a circle, 1ch, 2dc into each dc all around, join with a sl st Fasten off

HEAD

- Using green and 5mm hook make 4ch
- 1dc into second ch from hook, 1dc into the next ch, 3dc into next ch, now work along the other side of the starting ch, 1dc into next two ch, sl st to beg of round. Eight dc
- Next rnd: 1ch, 1dc into each dc to end, join with a sl st
- Next rnd: 1ch, * 1dc into next dc, 2dc into next dc, rep from * all around, join as before. 12 dc
- Next round: 1ch, 1dc into next dc, 2dc into next dc, 1dc each dc to last 2dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in last dc, join as before. 14 dc Work one rnd in dc, joining as before
- Next rnd: 1ch, * dc2tog, rep from * all around, join with a sl st. Seven dc
- Work one rnd in dc, fasten off

TO MAKE UP ASSEMBLE FLOWER

Work in ends on base. Take the flower rings and arrange them over the yellow base. Put the three larger ones on the bottom and sides and the smaller ring at the top of the yellow base. Pin in place first and then stitch neatly to the base. Sew the Leaves in random places in between the petal rings. Embroider or make a face on the top of the base.

ASSEMBLE TORTOISE

Work in ends on base. Lightly stuff the Head, sew to the front of the base. Embroider eyes and a mouth onto the Head. Take a leg and add a tiny piece of stuffing to pad slightly. Using green yarn and a blunt ended needle, run the yarn around the top of the leg, draw up into a ball. Secure with a few stitches, then sew to base below the edging row. Do this three times more with the remaining legs. Sew the spots in random places onto the Base. Place the inside of the Tortoise into the inside of the Flower. You should be able to tuck the flower up inside the base of the tortoise to form its 'stuffing' and vice versa. Try this out before actually sewing the two pieces together. When you are confident it works alright, sew the last row of each base neatly together.

Owl cushion

BRIGHTEN UP A BED OR SOFA WITH
AMANDA BERRY'S SLEEPY OWL CUSHION

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USING
YOUR KIT!





OWLS ARE EVERYWHERE – ON JUMPERS, ON CARDS AND NOW, WITH THIS PROJECT ON YOUR SOFA. THIS KNITTED CUSHION WILL MAKE YOU THE ENVY OF ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND CAN BE MADE USING ONLY THE CONTENTS OF THE KIT, A TINY SCRAP OF BLACK YARN AND SOME TOY FILLING.

HOW TO KNIT WISE

The colour-changing technique involved for the front of the owl is intarsia. Unlike Fair Isle, this method does not involve carrying the yarn not in use. Therefore, a single thickness fabric is created

KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Cushion width: 28cm

Cushion height: 31cm

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Your Heritage kit

Needles: from kit

Oddments of black yarn for eyes

Stuffing

OWL CUSHION FRONT

Using 4mm needles and purple yarn cast on 46 sts

- Row 1: p
- Row 2: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. 48 sts
- Row 3: p1, pfb, p to last two sts, pfb, p1. 50 sts

NOTE: colour in brackets preceding instructions indicates which yarn to use

- Row 4: (green) k1, kfb, (purple) k to last two sts, (green) kfb, k1. 52 sts
- Row 5: (green) p1, pfb, p1, (purple) p to last three sts, (green) p1, pfb, p1. 54 sts
- Row 6: (green) k1, kfb, k2, (purple) k to last four sts, (green) k2, kfb, k1. 56 sts

- Row 7: (green) p1, pfb, p3, (red) p to last five sts, (green) p3, pfb, p1. 58 sts
- Row 8: (green) k1, kfb, k4, (red) k to last six sts, (green) k4, kfb, k1. 60 sts
- Row 9: (green) p1, pfb, p5, (red) p to last seven sts, (green) p5, pfb, p1. 62 sts

NOTE: for Rows 10-12 use green yarn for first eight sts, red for next 46 sts and green for last eight sts

- Rows 10-12: starting with a k row work in st st
- Row 13: (green) p9, (purple) p44, (green) p9
- Row 14: (green) k10, (purple) k42, (green) k10
- Row 15: (green) p11, (purple) p40, (green) p11
- Row 16: (green) k12, (purple) k38, (green) k12

- Row 17: (green) p12, (purple) p38, (green) p12
- Row 18: (green) k13, (purple) k36, (green) k13
- Row 19: (green) p13, (red) p36, (green) p13
- Row 20: (green) k14, (red) k34, (green) k14
- Row 21: (green) p14, (red) p34, (green) p14
- Row 22: (green) k15, (red) k32, (green) k15
- Row 23: (green) p15, (red) p32, (green) p15
- Row 24: (green) k16, (red) k30, (green) k16
- Row 25: (green) p16, (purple) p30, (green) p16
- Row 26: (green) k17, (purple) k28, (green) k17
- Row 27: (green) p17, (purple) p28, (green) p17

NOTE: for Rows 28-30 use green yarn for first 18 sts, purple yarn for next 26 sts and green yarn for last 18 sts

- Row 28-30: rep Rows 10-12
- Row 31: (green) p18, (red) p26, (green) p18

NOTE: for Rows 32-36 use green yarn for first 19 sts, red yarn for next 24 sts and green yarn for last 19 sts

- Row 32-36: starting with a k row work in st st

NOTE: for Rows 37-40 use green yarn for first 19 sts, purple yarn for next 24 sts and green yarn for last 19 sts

- Row 37-40: starting with a p row work in st st
- Row 41: (green) p19, (purple) p11, (yellow) p2, (purple) p11, (green) p19
- Row 42: (green) k19, (purple) k10, (yellow) k4, (purple) k10, (green) k19
- Row 43: (green) p20, (red) p9, (yellow) p4, (red) p9, (green) p20
- Row 44: (green) k20, (red) k8, (yellow) k6, (red) k8, (green) k20
- Row 45: (green) p20, (red) p8, (yellow) p6, (red) p8, (green) p20
- Row 46: (green) k20, (red) k7, (yellow) k8, (red) k7, (green) k20
- Row 47: (green) p20, (red) p7, (yellow) p8, (red) p7, (green) p20
- Row 48: (green) k20, (red) k6,

(yellow) k10, (red) k6, (green) k20

❑ Row 49: (green) p20, (purple) p6, (yellow) p10, (purple) p6, (green) p20

❑ Row 50: (green) k20, (purple) k5, (yellow) k12, (purple) k5, (green) k20

❑ Row 51: (green) p20, (purple) p5, (yellow) p12, (purple) p5, (green) p20

❑ Row 52: (green) k20, (purple) k4, (yellow) k14, (purple) k4, (green) k20

❑ Row 53: (green) p20, (purple) p4, (yellow) p14, (purple) p4, (green) p20

❑ Row 54: (green) k20, (white) k5, (yellow) k12, (white) k5, (green) k20

❑ Row 55: (pink) p19, (white) p7, (yellow) p10, (white) p7, (pink) p19

❑ Row 56: (pink) k18, (white) k9, (yellow) k8, (white) k9, (pink) k18

❑ Row 57: (pink) p17, (white) p11, (yellow) p6, (white) p11, (pink) p17

❑ Row 58: (pink) k16, (white) k13, (yellow) k4, (white) k13, (pink) k16

❑ Row 59: (pink) p16, (white) p14, (yellow) p2, (white) p14, (pink) p16

❑ Row 60: (pink) k15, (white) k32, (pink) k15

❑ Row 61: (pink) p15, (white) p32, (pink) p15

❑ Rows 62-65: rep Rows 60-61 twice

❑ Row 66: (pink) k1, k2tog, k12, (white) k32, (pink) k12, ssk, k1. 60 sts

❑ Row 67: (pink) p15, (white) p14, (pink) p2, (white) p14, (pink) p15

❑ Row 68: (pink) k1, k2tog, k12, (white) k14, (pink) k2, (white) k14, (pink) k12, ssk, k1. 58 sts

❑ Row 69: (pink) p15, (white) p12, (pink) p4, (white) p12, (pink) p15

❑ Row 70: (pink) k1, k2tog, k13, (white) k10, (pink) k6, (white) k10, (pink) k13, ssk, k1. 56 sts

❑ Row 71: (pink) p16, (white) p8, (pink) p8, (white) p8, (pink) p16

❑ Row 72: (pink) k1, k2tog, k14, (white) k6, (pink) k10, (white) k6, (pink) k14, ssk, k1. 54 sts

Change to pink yarn

❑ Row 73: p

❑ Row 74: k1, k2tog, k to last three sts, ssk, k1. 52 sts

❑ Row 75: p

❑ Rows 76-79: rep Rows 74-75 twice. 48 sts

❑ Row 80: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. 50 sts

❑ Row 81: p

❑ Rows 82-87: rep Rows 80-81 three times. 56 sts

❑ Row 88: rep Row 80. 58 sts

Cast off

Embroider eyes in black yarn

BACK

Work as for Front, but ignore in-row colour changes. Instead, work in two-row stripes. Pattern is random to use remaining yarn in kit. See picture on p13 for an example or make up your own pattern

TO MAKE UP

Place Front and Back tog and sew around edges, leaving a 10cm gap. Stuff cushion, then sew gap closed



"Owls are extremely on-trend right now when it comes to home décor, but instead of heading to the shops, why not make yourself a lovely cushion?"

JENNY WARD, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT, LET'S GET CRAFTING





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Mrs Fox

UPCYCLE OLD CLOTHES TO MAKE
ELLEN KHARADE'S MRS FOX

CHILDREN WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST MRS FOX WITH HER ROSY CHEEKS AND ADORABLE OUTFIT. THIS PROJECT IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOWCASE YOUR STITCHING AND UPCYCLING SKILLS. MADE FROM RECYCLED JUMPERS AND SCRAPS OF FABRIC, MRS FOX WILL BE ADORED BY KIDS AND GROWN-UPS ALIKE.

TEMPLATE



ESSENTIALS

Fabric: woollen, white; cotton, floral, 78cm x 130cm

Felt, pink

Old jumper: grey; orange

Thread: sewing, coordinating; embroidery, black

Buttons: vintage, green, one; black, three; orange, small, three

Ric rac, orange, 65cm

Hook and loop tape, 10cm

Blusher (for cheeks and ears)

Snap fastener, one

DIMENSIONS:

26cm x 42cm

MAKE MRS FOX

1 Find the template on page 104. From an old grey jumper, cut out two body pieces, four leg pieces, four ear pieces and two tail pieces. From white wool fabric, cut two tail tips, two ear middles, two nose sections and one chest piece.

2 Pin the leg pieces together in pairs, machine stitch, turn out and stuff well with toy stuffing. Pin a white ear middle to an ear section and sew into place. With right sides facing, pin two ear sections together and machine stitch, turn the right way. Stuff lightly and repeat for the other ear.

3 Pin the chest piece to the front of the grey body and machine stitch around the shape. Using a chalk pencil, mark the ear positions onto the head as indicated on the pattern and pin the ears to the inside of the head with raw edges aligned. Pin the body pieces right sides together and machine stitch around the shape, leaving a gap at the base of the body. Turn out, then stuff until nicely rounded.

4 Pin the white tail tips to the grey tail sections and sew into place. With right sides facing, pin the tail section together, machine stitch and stuff. Make a 1cm hole in the back of the fox body as indicated on the pattern, insert the tail from the right side in, and sew it securely into place.

5 Insert the legs into the body, pin into place and hand sew using neat ladder stitches. With wrong sides facing, place the nose sections together and sew around the shape using ladder stitches, leaving a small gap. Stuff lightly and close. Sew the nose to the face and add black buttons for the nose and eyes. Embroider a mouth using black embroidery thread. If desired, rub pink blush onto the cheeks and ears.

running stitches across the longest edge. Pull the thread to create gathers, and press. With right sides and the gathers facing, pin the fabrics together and machine stitch.

2 Pin the gathered fabric to the template of the dress, keeping the pleats central to the pattern and match up the waistline of the dress as indicated on the pattern. Accurately cut out the dress shape and press the seams open. This will be the dress front.

3 To make the back of the dress, cut out 20cm x 32cm of floral fabric for the bodice and a further 19cm x 32cm for the skirt. Make gathers in the skirt as described in step 1. Pin the two longest edges together, machine stitch and press the seams open. Cut down the centre of the fabric vertically. Press down and machine stitch a 1cm hem on either side of the cut edge. With right sides facing, pin the two halves together and machine stitch 5cm down from the waistline of the dress, this will leave an opening at the back of the dress for the fox's tail to poke through.

HOT TIP

If Mrs Fox is for a small child, embroider features instead of using buttons and make sure all stitching is strong and secure

SEW A DRESS

1 Cut out 20cm x 32cm of floral cotton. Across the longest edge, fold over two 1cm pleats roughly in the centre of the fabric, press and pin to secure. Cut two strips of ric rac and machine stitch down the centre of the pleats. Cut a further 19cm x 32cm of printed fabric and sew



4 Pin the fabric to the template of the dress, matching up the waistline as indicated on the pattern, and cut out. With right sides facing, pin the dress sections together and machine stitch. Press the side seams open. Cut two thin strips of hook and loop tape and sew to the opening at the top of the dress. At the base of the dress, fold over 1cm at both edges and machine stitch into place.

5 Fold over the raw edges at the armholes and neckline and secure with running stitches. Cut out four collar sections (two reversed) and sew them together in pairs with right sides facing, leaving a gap for turning. Turn the right way, press and sew up the gap. Pin the collar pieces to the neckline and hand sew into place.

6 Mark out the positions for the buttons on the front of the dress bodice and sew on with coordinating thread. Turn up a double hem at the base of the dress, press and sew with neat whip-stitches. Add ric rac to the bottom of the hem.

CREATE A JACKET

1 Cut off the sleeves from an old orange jumper and open them up. Pin the templates for the jacket to the knitted fabric and cut out one back and two front pieces. Cut two 6.5cm x 12cm pieces for the jacket sleeves. With right sides facing, pin the sleeves in half lengthways and machine stitch down the long edge.

2 Embroider a decorative pattern using either a sewing machine or by hand, across the front and back jacket pieces, making sure they line up. With right sides facing, pin the jacket fronts to the jacket back and machine stitch.

3 Pin the sleeves into the armholes and machine stitch into place. Fold over and sew down a 5mm hem at each raw edge on the front of the jacket. Cut a 2cm wide strip from the cuffs of the jumper sleeves and hand sew around the neckline and cuffs of the jacket. Using pinking shears, cut a 1cm wide strip of pink felt and sew to the bottom of the jacket. Add a snap fastener to the neck and cover with a vintage button.

HOT TIP

Use scrap fabrics for this project or look for old jumpers in charity shops and car boot sales to give your toy a vintage vibe



MOUSE

USE YOUR STITCHING SKILLS TO MAKE CORINNE BRADD'S FRIENDLY MOUSE

ESSENTIALS

Fabric: cotton: two contrasting prints, fat eighth of each

Thread: embroidery, pink

Buttons: 10mm, 15mm

Stuffing

Needle, long

SEW A PLUSH

1 Using the template from page 104, cut two green body gusset pieces, then sew together on the long edge, from the neck to the crotch. Cut two pink body pieces and match up each side to the gusset at the toes, thighs and tummy. Pin and stitch.

2 Pin the remaining raw edges together and sew, leaving a 5cm gap down the back. Clip all curves and corners, then turn out. Stuff firmly using a knitting needle to pack out the toes and nose.

3 When fully stuffed, fold in the raw edges of the gap and oversew with small stitches. Sculpt the body by stitching, from navel to lower back several times, using a long needle and pulling the thread fairly taut.

4 Cut two arms from pink and two from green, pin together and sew around them, leaving a 3cm gap above the elbows. Clip the curves, turn out and stuff. Oversew the gap closed. Pin the arms to either side of the body and secure with a button joint; pass thread right through buttons, arms and body, then back again several times. Secure the thread under one arm.

5 Cut two ears from green and two from pink. Pair them up and sew around the curved edges leaving the flat bottom unsewn. Trim the excess fabric and turn out, then press. Fold in the raw edges, then use a running stitch to gather them slightly and oversew to either side of the head.

6 Use embroidery thread to sew a button to each side of the face for eyes. Add whiskers and a satin stitched nose, then sew two 40cm lengths of embroidery thread through the base of the back and knot to leave four 20cm lengths. Twist together and knot to make a tail.

PLAY YOUR VERY OWN GAME OF CAT AND MOUSE WITH THIS JOLLY PROJECT. MADE UP IN CHIRPY AND VIBRANT PINKS AND GREENS, THIS LOVABLE CREATURE GETS EXTRA-CUTE POINTS THANKS TO ITS BUTTON DETAILING AND ADORABLE TAIL. YOU CAN EVEN MAKE A WHOLE FAMILY IN VARYING FABRICS AS A GREAT RAINY AFTERNOON PROJECT!



HOT TIP

All pieces are sewn with right sides together and a 5mm seam allowance, unless otherwise stated

TEMPLATE

INSPIRE THE STUFF OF LEGENDS WITH CORINNE BRADD'S UNICORN TOY

ESSENTIALS

Fabric: Art Gallery Fabrics, Legacy range, Traces of Stillwater; Familiar Roots Birch, fat quarter of each; cotton sheeting, white, scraps

Felt, jade, A4 sheet

Thread: sewing, white; coordinating

Ric rac, green

Buttons: 2cm, two

Fibre filling

Needle, knitting

DIMENSIONS:

34cm x 38cm

GET SMITTEN WITH THIS MYSTICAL UNICORN MADE FROM GREEN-HUED PRINTS. SIMPLE SHAPES HAVE BEEN STITCHED TOGETHER AND STUFFED TO CREATE A STURDY YET SOFT FINISHED RESULT. WITH FELT AND RIC RAC HOOVES PLUS A CUTE HORN IT'S THE PERFECT PLUSH FRIEND TO ADD A TOUCH OF MAGIC TO A CHILD'S ROOM.



UNICORN

1 Head to page 104 to find the template. Trace the shapes onto thin card and cut out. Draw around the main pieces onto the reverse of Familiar Roots Birch fabric and cut out, adding a 5mm seam allowance. The drawn lines will act as guidelines for sewing. Cut the unicorn's head gusset, body gusset and inner ears from Traces of Stillwater fabric.

2 Fold under 5mm at the end of each leg on the main body and gusset pieces, then tack. This will enable you to stitch the hooves in place easily later on. Stitch each unicorn head piece to the corresponding neck section of the main body, matching up points E and F. Tack in place and sew back stitch by hand for a smooth curve. Press the seam to the concave side and topstitch 2mm from the seam line to accentuate the curve of the unicorn's cheek.

3 Stitch the two body gusset pieces' right sides together from A to D. Open out and press before joining the tip of the head gusset to the tip of the body gusset at point A by sewing across them, 5mm from the point. This ensures a neat finish on the chest of the unicorn.

4 Sew each body piece to either side of the body gusset, right sides together, but do not stitch across the base of the feet. Pin, tack and stitch the



"I made several prototypes before I was content with my unicorn. Happily, the misshapen quadrupeds kept the cat company while I was working!"

DESIGNER, CORINNE BRADD



head gusset up the chest and around the unicorn's face, finishing at point B. Pin, tack and stitch the back gusset to the rear of the body pieces, right sides together, matching up points C and D. Sew around the remaining area of the head and back, leaving an 8cm long gap along the neck for turning.

5 Clip the curved seams and corners before turning out. Stuff the legs first with a knitting needle or similar, pushing small pieces of filling up the leg through the holes at the hoof end. Stuff back down into the legs through the gap in the neck. Keep adding filling through both gaps to make it well-compressed. This will keep the legs straight and allow the unicorn to stand up.

6 Firmly stuff the rest of the unicorn's body, using small pieces of filling at a time to prevent lumps and bumps forming under the fabric and spoiling the lines of the unicorn. Once stuffed, fold in the raw edges of the gap and slip stitch closed.

7 Cut four 3cm long ovals and four 1.5cm x 10cm rectangles from felt for the hooves. Wrap a rectangle around the base of a leg, making sure the edge lines up with the folded edge of the fabric. Oversew the seam at the back of the leg with matching cotton. Place an oval felt piece on top and oversew the three layers of felt and folded fabric together. Wrap a 10cm length of ric rac around the top of the felt rectangle and stitch in place through all the layers. Repeat for the other legs.

8 Cut 16cm x 30cm from white cotton. Sew a straight line or small stitches on one long side, 1cm from the edge. Clip into the other edge with sharp scissors, making notches every 1cm. Tear from each notch down to the sewn line to make a long, raggy fringe. Take the uncut edge of the sheeting and coil it around a knitting needle to make a tassel. Secure with a few stitches before oversewing the top of the tassel to the rump of the unicorn.

9 Cut four 8cm x 20cm pieces of sheeting. Stack them together and sew down one long side, 5mm from the edge. Snip the opposite edge of the fabric pieces as before and tear down to the sewn line to make the mane. Flatten the seam allowance and oversew each side to the seam, starting midway between points B and E and finishing at the base of the neck.

10 Take the four ear pieces and sew into pairs, right sides together. Turn out and fold in 5mm along the raw edge, then tack. Pin the ears to the side of the head, in line with the cheek seam, adding a tuck to the inside of the ear to give it shape. Oversew in place with tiny stitches.

11 Sew a 2cm button to either side of the head, passing the thread right through the middle of the stuffed shape from one button to the other, using a long needle and keeping the thread taut so the eyes are slightly indented. Repeat this process at the nose of the unicorn without using buttons to create nostrils.

12 Cut a long triangle from felt, 10cm high x 6cm across the base. Fold in half and oversew down the long seam. Firmly stuff the resulting cone with filling. Take a length of ric rac and stitch it around the cone in a spiral, starting from the tip and working down evenly. Tuck the raw end of the ric rac inside the cone before oversewing to the unicorn's brow, just below the forelock.

HOT TIP

Consider making 'V' shaped wire armatures to fit into the legs to make them poseable, but ensure the unicorn is not intended for a small child if you do so.

CREATE THE PERFECT NURSERY ACCESSORY WITH LOUISE NICHOLS' BABY GIRAFFE

BRIGHTEN UP YOUR CHILD'S ROOM WITH THIS COLOURFUL GIRAFFE AND APPLIQUÉ PILLOW. YOU CAN SHOWCASE YOUR EMBROIDERY AND STITCHING SKILLS, AND BRING A SMILE TO EVERYONE'S FACE AT THE SAME TIME. THIS MATCHING SET IS A GREAT GIFT FOR A LITTLE ONE OR AN EXPECTANT MOTHER. THE DANGLY LEGS AND ORANGE MANE BRING CHARACTER TO THIS FRIENDLY GIRAFFE, WHICH MEANS HE'S BOUND TO BE A FIRM FAVOURITE.

TEMPLATE



ESSENTIALS

Fabric: striped; calico, cream; linen, cream

Felt: pale green; orange

Thread: sewing, coordinating; embroidery, purple; green

Toy stuffing

Wadding

Interfacing, fusible, lightweight

Fusible webbing

Buttons: 6mm, two;

1cm, four

Glue, fabric

DIMENSIONS:

Giraffe: 17cm x 35cm

Cushion: 20cm square

GIRAFFE

1 Go to page 104 to find your template. Cut out eight legs and two bodies from striped fabric, and eight feet and two noses from calico. Pin each foot to a leg piece and machine stitch together with right sides facing. Pin a nose piece to the head section of each body and sew in place.

2 Pair up each leg piece and press the seams open. Pin and stitch each pair together with right sides facing, matching the seams and leaving the top open. Snip the curves, turn out and press. Stuff all four legs until firm. Slip stitch the opening together and sew a button on at the top of the leg.

3 Cut out a mane from orange felt. Snip down the edge of one side at regular intervals. Using the template as a guide, mark the position of the eyes on the head. Work a French knot for each in purple embroidery thread. Place the mane down the back of the giraffe's neck, facing inwards, using a little fabric glue to hold it in place if you wish.

4 Match the nose seams and pin the body right sides together. Stitch around the edge leaving a 10cm gap along the bottom for turning. Snip and trim the curves, then turn through and press. Using the template as a guide, sew the legs into position, stitching through the buttons. The legs need to be able to move, so three stitches should be enough. Stuff the body until firm, then sew up the opening.

5 Cut out two ear inners, one tail inner and four ossicones from orange felt, and two ears and one tail from pale green. Sew a French knot in green thread in the centre of two of the ossicones. Glue another ossicone to the back of each one. Work blanket stitch around the edges, also in green.

6 Glue the ear inners onto the ears and the tail inner onto the tail. Work blanket stitch around each inner piece in green thread. Sew the ears, ossicones and tail into place, making sure they're secure.

MAKE A CUSHION

1 Cut a 20cm square of cream linen and another of lightweight fusible interfacing. Iron the interfacing onto the back of the linen. Using the template provided, draw all the giraffe pieces onto fusible webbing and cut out. Iron the body and legs onto a piece of striped fabric and the nose and feet onto calico. Cut out.

2 Cut one mane out of orange felt and snip down one side. Position the nose and body on the linen square and place the mane under the neck so the fringing peeks out. Iron to adhere into place. Work narrow zig zag stitch all around the edge. Position the feet and legs, iron to adhere, then zig zag around the edges.

3 Cut out both ossicone shapes and one inner ear in orange felt, and one outer ear and one tail in pale green. Stick the inner ear on top of the outer, then work a French knot in the centre of each ossicone with green thread. Glue all the parts into place and over sew around the edges with coordinating thread. You could embroider these instead if preferred. Stitch a French knot in purple embroidery thread for the eye and sew on a small button at the top of each leg.

4 Cut a 22cm square of striped fabric. Cut out an 18cm square of calico and back with fusible webbing. Iron this onto the centre of the striped square, then work zig zag stitch around the edge. Cut a 17cm square of fusible webbing and iron onto the reverse side of the linen square, making sure the giraffe is central. Cut out and iron onto the calico square. Work zig zag stitch around the edge of this too, then finish with a purple French knot at each corner.



5 Cut two pieces of striped fabric measuring 15cm x 22cm and 17cm x 22cm. Hem one long edge of each piece and press. With right sides facing, place the largest rectangle on top of the giraffe square, lining up the bottom edges and keeping the hem at the top. Place the other rectangle to line up with the top edge, hem at the bottom. Pin and stitch around the cushion leaving the envelope opening, snip the corners, turn out and press.

6 Make a cushion pad by cutting two 20cm squares of calico. Pin together and machine stitch around the edges, leaving an 8cm gap for turning. Snip the corners and turn out. Fill with wadding and sew up the gap.

HOT TIP

When stuffing, use small pieces rather than large clumps so it's easier to get into small corners. Try using a wooden spoon handle to help.



Feline

LET YOUR LITTLE ONE FALL IN LOVE WITH LUCINDA GANDERTON'S FELINE FRIEND

ESSENTIALS

Fabric: tweed, fine; cotton:
striped; floral, fat quarter of each

Thread: embroidery, pink;
sewing, coordinating

Lace trim, 60cm

Ribbon, striped, 50cm

Buttons: blue, 1cm, two; white,
1.5cm, one

Toy stuffing

DIMENSIONS:

19cm x 35cm

THIS CUTE CAT DOLL IS GUARANTEED TO PUT A SMILE ON ANY CHILD'S FACE. THE FUN DESIGN FEATURES LONG, DANGLY LIMBS AND PIERCING BLUE BUTTON EYES. MADE IN LUXURIOUS TWEED AND A VARIETY OF PINK PRINTS, IT CAN ALSO BE ADORNED WITH A PRETTY FRILLY SKIRT AND RIBBON TRIM. THIS LITTLE TOY REALLY IS THE CAT'S PYJAMAS.

TEMPLATE



CAT

1 Find the templates on page 104.

1 Cut out 12cm x 14cm of tweed and 6cm x 14cm of striped fabric, with the stripes running horizontally. Pin together along one long edge with right sides facing and join with a 1cm seam. Press the seam allowance downwards, towards the striped fabric. Cut out two leg shapes, positioning the line marked on the pattern along the seam line.

2 Fold one leg in half lengthways with right sides facing inwards. Pin and tack the edges together, then machine stitch with a 6mm seam allowance. Trim the seam back to 3mm and turn right side out. Stuff firmly. Make the other leg in the same way.

3 Cut 12cm x 25cm of tweed and 8cm x 25cm of striped fabric. Join together as before and cut out two bodies, again matching up the seam line. Pin the two bodies together with right sides facing and stitch both edges together with a 6mm seam, between points A and B. Clip the curves, press back the seam allowance at the bottom gap and turn right side out. Slip the top of the legs into the gap, pin in place and stab stitch securely through all the layers to keep them in place. Stuff the body firmly.

4 Cut out one arm shape from tweed (this will be the tail) and make it up in the same way as the legs. Sew in place. Cut out two more arm shapes from striped fabric. Fold in half with right sides facing and join the edges with a 6mm seam. Trim the allowance back to 3mm, turn right side out and stuff. Gather up the top edges, pushing the raw edges inside. Sew to the body, on the seam line, at the points marked C.

5 Cut two ears from tweed and two from floral print. Pin together in pairs with the right side of the floral fabric inwards, and stitch the diagonal edges with a 6mm seam. Clip a small triangle from the point and turn right side out.

6 Cut two head pieces from tweed. Position the ears upside down on one head piece, between points B and C with raw edges aligned and tack in place. Layer the other head piece on top. Pin and stitch them together with a 6mm seam, leaving a gap where marked. Press back the seam allowance on either side of the gap then turn the head right side out. Stuff well and pin over the open neck edge. Hand stitch it in place securely.

7 Sew on two buttons for the eyes or embroider if giving to a small child. Create the nose using satin stitch and the mouth in straight stitch using six strands of thread.

8 To make a skirt, cut a 20cm square of floral fabric and fold it into quarters. Pin the template through all four layers and cut out. Sew lace trim around the hem then slip it over the body. Pull the skirt down so the waist sits around the seam line of the body and stitch. Sew a length of striped ribbon over the top to hide the raw edges. Cut the remaining ribbon into three equal pieces and fold each one into a loop. Stack them together to make a corsage and hand stitch at the centre. Sew a button to the middle and secure onto the waistband.





"This doll would be perfect for a little girl. Why not make a tutu and add ribbons to the pink feet to turn it into a ballerina cat?"

DESIGNER, LUCINDA GANDERTON

HOT TIP

Use safety eyes or embroider them on if giving the cat to a small child.



CREATE AN ADORABLE FOUR-LEGGED FRIEND WITH JANE KHARADE'S SCOTTIE DOG

TARTAN IS A LUXURIOUS FABRIC THAT NOW COMES IN A HUGE RANGE OF COLOURS AND PATTERNS. THE FIRST TARTANS WERE WOVEN IN SIMPLE COLOURWAYS ACCORDING TO THE NATURAL DYES AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT WHERE IT WAS MADE. TARTAN OFTEN DENOTED THE CLAN OR FAMILY THAT SOMEONE BELONGED TO, AND MANY DIFFERENT TYPES DEVELOPED INCLUDING BOTH DRESS AND HUNTING VERSIONS. THIS TRADITIONAL MATERIAL ADDS A CLASSIC LOOK TO THIS CUTE PLUSH SCOTTIE DOG, PAIRED WITH DISTINCTIVE BLUE EYES AND A FANCY COLLAR.

TEMPLATE



ESSENTIALS

Fabric: tartan, 50cm

Thread: navy blue, strong; tacking, light-coloured

Safety eyes, blue, 1.4cm

Toy stuffing

Trim, diamanté effect, 50cm

Tailor's chalk

Craft knife

DIMENSIONS:

26cm x 30cm

MAKE A SCOTTIE DOG

- 1 Find your template on page 104. Fold 50cm of tartan fabric in half and lay the Scottie dog template on it. Use tailor's chalk to add a 1.5cm seam allowance and carefully cut out the dog shape so that you have two pieces.
- 2 Position an eye on the wrong side of one piece of the fabric. Lift the dog's head away slightly and make a small hole with a craft knife, insert the safety eye and attach the back securely. Then feel for the stem of the eye on the other piece of fabric. Where it rests, make a hole in the tartan, insert the eye and push on the safety back making sure both backs sit snug against the eyes.
- 3 Using light coloured thread, tack the two pieces of the dog together right sides facing, leaving a small section at the foot unstitched to insert stuffing. Machine stitch using strong matching thread, again leaving an unstitched section.
- 4 Turn right side out, and stuff generously with toy stuffing so it becomes rigid. A wooden spoon can be used to push the stuffing into the corners. Use whip stitches to sew up the gap by hand.
- 5 Cut diamanté trim or similar to fit around the neck comfortably. Use small stitches to sew the collar to the fabric to complete.

HOT TIP

Using lots of stuffing will make the Scottie dog lovely and plush. As the seams take on extra stress, a strong thread is needed



"I've added a diamanté effect trim for the collar. As an alternative, try a studded leather cuff, a real dog's collar, a broad satin ribbon, or even an interesting piece of costume jewellery"

DESIGNER, JANE KHARADE



MAKES A
GREAT
HOUSEWARMING
PRESENT

SHOW OFF YOUR EMBROIDERY SKILLS WITH LILLIE COCKRELL'S CAT PLUSH

ESSENTIALS

Fabric: wool, grey, 40cm x 60cm
Needle: embroidery; sewing
Thread: embroidery, assorted colours
Embroidery hoop
Fibre filling
Buttons, two

DIMENSIONS:
 20cm x 31cm

ADD A QUIRKY TOUCH TO YOUR SOFA WITH THIS ADORABLE FELINE CUSHION. DECORATED WITH AN ARRAY OF EMBROIDERY STITCHES, THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTISE AND EXPERIMENT WITH STITCHING. OUR CUSHION IS EASY TO MAKE AND THE DIFFICULTY OF THE EMBROIDERY DESIGN IS UP TO YOU, SO YOU CAN MAKE IT AS SIMPLE OR INTRICATE AS YOU LIKE.

TEMPLATE

A GREAT
GIFT FOR CAT
LOVERS

CAT CUSHION

- 1 Go to page 104 for the template section. Transfer to a piece of fabric measuring at least 20cm x 30cm, and place in an embroidery hoop. Using two strands of embroidery thread throughout and working away from the edge, begin by sewing around the whole outline of the cat in running stitch, using orange thread.
- 2 Continue with the face, outlining the lower edge in running stitch, using

orange thread, then fill in the triangular nose in satin stitch, using black. Use back stitch for the whiskers and mouth, and work French knots for the dots, also in black. Fill in the ear centres in satin stitch, using yellow, then outline these with several rows of running stitch in different colours, following the triangular shape.

- 3 Using the remaining lines of the design as guidelines, experiment with your choice of colours to add decorative detail to the cat including a

tail. Use the photograph as a guide: all the stitches used are variants of running stitch, sewn in straight lines, curves, circles, spirals and zig zags, with straight stitches radiating out from some of the circles. Then sew two buttons in place as eyes.

- 4 When the embroidery is finished, remove from the hoop and press the work lightly on the reverse. Then pin it, wrong side up, to another piece of the same fabric and cut out, going through both thicknesses, 1.5cm

outside the running stitch outline.

- 5 Stitch the two pieces together with a 1.2cm seam, leaving a gap of 5cm in one of the straight sides for turning. Snip into the seam allowance on all the curved edges, taking care not to cut through the stitching, then turn right side out. Fill the cushion with stuffing, then turn in the seam allowance on the open edges and sew closed using slip stitch.

Teddy

DISCOVER AMANDA WALKER'S TRADITIONAL TEDDY

WHETHER YOU ARE MAKING THIS HANDSOME BEAR FOR YOURSELF, OR YOU ARE PLANNING TO GIVE IT AWAY AS A PRESENT, THIS NOSTALGIC PROJECT IS SURE TO BRING GASPS OF JOY AND DELIGHT TO WHOEVER SEES IT, AS WELL AS BEING IDEAL FOR PLENTY OF CUDDLES. CLASSIC AND VERY, VERY CUTE, THIS LITTLE FELLA IS PERFECT FOR EVERY TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC.



TEMPLATE

ESSENTIALS

Fabric: fun fur; felt, dark brown

Ribbon

Plastic eyes and nose

Hinges, legs/arms, four

Polyester toy filling

Sewing machine

Thread

Ruler

Pencil

CUTTING GUIDE:

From fun fur:

1 pair of the lower head and back head

1 of the top head

1 pair of the front and back body

2 pairs of the teddy arms and legs

2 pairs of ears

From the brown felt:

1 pair of soles

1 pair of hand pads

over the two with hand pads and stitch around leaving a 3cm opening. Turn the arms to the right side through the gaps.

4 Stitch the front and centre-back body seams together, leaving a 3cm gap in the centre-back seam. Match the front and back bodies together. Stitch from the neck edge, down the side and across the base matching the centre front and back seams together, then back up to the opposite side of the neck. Divide the ear pieces into pairs and pin, then stitch around the edges and turn out.

TO MAKE THE HEAD

1 Match the centre-back seam of the back head together with the right sides of the fur fabric facing and stitch together. Join the centre-front of the lower head together and stitch from the nose to the neck edge. Line up the nose of the top head to the nose of the lower

head, then pin and match the remainder of the seam together. Stitch into place.

2 Position the ears at either side of the outer edge of the top head. Place the back head over the front head, matching the top of the centre back seam with the centre notch on the top head and sandwiching the ears between the two edges; pin, then stitch around the seam. Turn the head to the right side. Make a small hole in the seam and attach the eyes and nose as indicated on the pattern; the head can now be stuffed with the filler.

LEGS AND ARMS

1 Make a small hole on the top of the inner leg and the base of the side seam, then attach with the plastic hinge pieces. Repeat the process for the arms. For ease, this can all be accessed through the gaps left in the centre-back

seam and the arms and legs.

2 Carefully stuff the arms and legs, closing the gaps with hand slip-stitch. Now stuff the body and close the gap in the centre-back seam. Hand stitch to the neck of the body; place the head over the neck, then turn under the raw edges of the fur and stitch into place. Finish with a length of ribbon tied around teddy's neck.

STITCH CLEVER

Fur fabric is great for soft toys as it has a light stretch making the toy plump and rounded, with the added benefit that any hand stitching disappears into the pile

SHOPPING LIST

Fun fur fabric, Franklins of Colchester,
01206 563955

Bear making materials, Bear Basics,
01963 345000,
www.bearbasics.co.uk

TEDDY BODY PIECES

1 Find the template from page 104. With the right sides of the fur fabric facing, stitch two pairs of legs together from the front base, then up and around the top and down the back of the leg to the base. Leave a 3cm gap in the back of the leg and use a 3mm seam allowance.

2 Clip the seam allowance around the top of the foot. Match the notch in the soles of the feet to the front and back seams in the base of the legs, then pin and stitch the soles into place. Turn the legs to the right side through the gap in the backs of the legs.

3 Match the notches in the hand pads to the right sides of the end of the two of the arm pieces; stitch across the felt pads, then fold them back to fall in line with the ends of the arms. Position and pin the two remaining arm pieces



HOT TIP

To help distribute the stuffing evenly, push a pin through from the right side of the body and use to move it into place



Springtime

USE YOUR AMIGURUMI SKILLS TO MAKE
EMMA VARNAM'S FOUR SPRINGTIME PALS



WE THINK OUR DESIGNER HAS DONE WONDERS WITH HER EASTER-INSPIRED MAKES. THE FOUR JOLLY AMIGURUMI CRITTERS ARE VERY EASY TO RECREATE AS THEY ALL SHARE A BASIC BODY SHAPE. SIMPLY ADD A FEW EXTRA FEATURES AND YOU'LL HAVE FOUR NEW FRIENDS THAT ARE SURE TO IMPRESS. THEY CAN JOIN IN OUR EASTER EGG HUNT ANY TIME THEY LIKE!

KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Circumference approx: 22cm

Body height approx: 7cm

KNIT KIT

Yarn: DK, bright blue, yellow, pink, green, fawn

Needles: 3.75mm

White felt

Safety eyes

Spare black yarn

Stuffing

SHOPPING LIST

For a great selection of DK yarns, visit loveknitting.com or call 0845 5760 007

CHIRP THE BLUEBIRD
BODY

Using 3.75mm hook and blue make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

□ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

□ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

□ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

□ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

□ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

□ Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

□ Rnds 7-14: 1dc in each st to end

□ Rnd 15: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

□ Rnd 16: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

□ Rnd 17: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

□ Rnd 18: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

□ Rnd 19: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

□ Rnd 20: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

WING (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.75mm hook and Puddle Blue make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

□ Rnd 1: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts

□ Rnd 2: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Ten sts

□ Rnd 3: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

12 sts

□ Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Attach safety eyes level with Rnd 10. Sew Wings to Body level with Rnd 9. Firmly stuff Body. Using yellow, embroider beak

PEEP THE CHICK
BODY

Using 3.75mm needles and yellow work as for Chirp the Bluebird Body

FOOT (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.75mm hook and pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

□ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Attach safety eyes level with Rnd 13. Firmly stuff Body. Fold Feet in half and sew edges tog. Sew Feet onto base of Body. Using pink embroider beak level with Rnd 14

HOP THE FROG
BODY

Using 3.75mm needles and green work as for Chirp the Bluebird Body

FOOT (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.75mm hook and green work as for Peep the Chick Foot

EYE (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.75mm hook and green make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

□ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

□ Rnds 2-4: 1dc in each st to end

□ Rnd 5: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Cut two 12mm circles of white felt. Make a small hole in the centre of each and attach safety eyes through hole and onto centre of each Eye. Firmly stuff Body and Eyes. Sew Eyes on top of Body. Fold Feet in half and sew edges tog. Sew Feet onto base of Body. Using black yarn embroider mouth

HOW TO
CROCHET CLEVER

When making these toys, work in a continuous spiral rather than finishing each round with a slip stitch

FLUFF THE BUNNY
BODY

Using 3.75mm needles and fawn work as for Chirp the Bluebird Body

EAR (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.75mm hook and fawn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

□ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

□ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

□ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

□ Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end

□ Rnd 6: (1dc in next st, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

□ Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Attach safety eyes level with Rnd 12. Firmly stuff Body. Sew Ears to Body. Using pink embroider nose



EMMA VARNAM, DESIGNER

"Amigurumi toys make an excellent alternative Easter present to all that chocolate. Why not add a few springtime buddies to your garden Easter egg hunt?"



Sheep

THERE'S NOTHING CUTER THAN
AMANDA BERRY'S SLEEPY SHEEP

THIS SWEET CREATION WILL MAKE A FABULOUS EASTER DECORATION OR GIFT, THANKS TO THAT ENCHANTING FACE AND FLUFFY APPEARANCE. A TREAT TO MAKE, AND TO RECEIVE, THIS ADORABLE SHEEP FEATURES LOOP STITCH, BUT DON'T LET THAT PUT YOU OFF - IT'S SIMPLE TO MASTER, AND THE BODY IS A STRAIGHT-FORWARD RECTANGLE. JUST MAKE SURE YOU KEEP YOUR STITCHES LOOSE SO YOU DON'T GET IN A LOOPY MUDDLE.



A LOVELY
EASTER
DECORATION

KNIT ESSENTIALS

KNIT KIT

Yarn: DK, white, fawn; bouclé, white

Needles: 3.75mm

Spare black thread

Stuffing

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

ml: See Knit Clever

SHOPPING LIST

For a great selection of DK yarns, visit loveknitting.com or call 0845 5760 007

SHEEP
BODY

Using 3.75mm needles and white bouclé cast on 25 sts

- Row 1: p
 - Row 2: k1, ml in each st to last st (see Knit Clever panel), k1. 25 sts
 - Rep Rows 1-2 until work meas 7cm, ending on Row 1
- Cast off

HEAD

Using 3.75mm needles and fawn cast on 11 sts

- Row 1: p
 - Row 2: (kfb) in each st to end. 22 sts
 - Row 3: p
 - Row 4: k5, kfb, k10, kfb, k5. 24 sts
 - Rows 5-17: starting with a p row work in st st
 - Row 18: (k2tog, k1) to end. 16 sts
 - Row 19: p
 - Row 20: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts
- Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, gather tog and fasten off

EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.75mm needles and fawn cast on six sts

- Rows 1-5: starting with a p row work in st st
 - Row 6: (k2tog) to end. Three sts
- Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, gather tog and fasten off

LEGS (MAKE FOUR)

Using 3.75mm needles and fawn cast on 12 sts

- Rows 1 to 7: starting with a p row work in st st
 - Row 8: (k2tog) to end. Six sts
- Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, gather tog and fasten off



TO MAKE UP

Fold Body in half, sew around all edges, adding stuffing before finishing. Fluff out loops to cover seams. Sew side edges of Head tog (seam runs down centre back). Stuff then sew top edge tog. Embroider eyes using black thread. Attach Head to top left hand corner of Body. Sew side edges of Ears tog. Sew cast-on edge to top of Head. Sew side edges of Legs tog. Sew cast-on edge to bottom of Body

HOW TO
— KNIT CLEVER —

To make a loop, knit into the next stitch, but do not allow the stitch to fall off the needle. Bring the working yarn to the front between your needles. Place your thumb on the working yarn and wrap the yarn around and over the top of your thumb, and back between the two needles. Keeping the yarn wrapped around your thumb, knit into the same stitch again. Allow this stitch to fall off the needle, and the loop to fall off your thumb. Insert the left needle into the front of the two stitches on the right needle, and knit them together. See Amanda's photo tutorial at tinyurl.com/loopknitting



"If you want your sheep to look shaggy, cut through the ends of the loop to create a different look. To make him look more awake, change the eyes and add stuffing to his legs"

AMANDA BERRY, DESIGNER

LITTLE ONES WILL LOVE PLAYTIME WITH LYNNE ROWE'S BRIGHT EASTER CRITTERS

THESE SPRING ANIMALS ARE PERFECT FOR BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN. THE SIMPLE SHAPES AND BRIGHT COLOURS MAKE IDEAL TOYS AND PROVIDE EXCELLENT TOOLS FOR INTERACTIVE LEARNING — PARTICULARLY HANDY WHEN THEY HIT THAT INQUISITIVE TODDLER STAGE. CREATE AN UNUSUAL TEXTURED FINISH BY WORKING INTO EITHER JUST THE FRONT OR BACK LOOPS OF THE PREVIOUS ROW WHEN MAKING THE BUNNY AND CHICK. THIS IS A SIMPLE TECHNIQUE YOU COULD APPLY TO ALL MANNER OF ITEMS.

KNIT & CROCHET ESSENTIALS

KNIT & CROCHET KIT

Yarn: DK, bright blue, yellow, pink, green, fawn; Bouclé yarn, white

Needles: 3.75mm

Stuffing

Ribbon

Tapestry Needle

Stitch Holder

SHOPPING LIST

For a great selection of DK yarns, visit loveknitting.com or call 0845 5760 007

HOW TO — CROCHET CLEVER —

The bunny and chick bodies follow the same pattern, with just the ears and beak differing. When working the bunny, you create one ear as you work the main piece, then join the second ear afterwards

SAFETY FIRST

If your animals are intended for a child, ensure the ribbons are securely stitched around the neck or omit them



BUNNY

BODY (MAKE TWO)

* **NOTE:** '1ch, turn' at end of each rnd is turning ch and does not count as a st

Using 3.75mm hook and pink (blue) make 9ch

❑ Rnd 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 6dc, 2dc in next ch, 1ch, turn. Ten sts

❑ Rnd 2: working in front loops only 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st, 1ch, turn. 12 sts

❑ Rnd 3: working in back loops only 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st, 1ch, turn. 14 sts

❑ Rnds 4-6: rep Rnds 2-3 then Rnd 2 again. 20 sts

❑ Rnd 7: working in back loops only 1dc in each st to end, 1ch, turn

❑ Rnd 8: working in front loops only 1dc in each st to end, 1ch, turn

❑ Rnds 9-14: rep Rnds 7-8 three times

❑ Rnd 15: working in back loops only 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to last three sts, dc2tog, 1dc. 18 sts

❑ Rnd 16: working in front loops only rep Rnd 15. 16 sts

❑ Rnds 17-20: rep Rnds 15-16 twice. Eight sts

❑ Rnd 21: rep Row 3. Ten sts

❑ Rnd 22: rep Row 2. 12 sts

❑ Rnds 23-24: rep Rnds 21-22. 16 sts

❑ Rnds 25-28: rep Rnds 7-8 twice

❑ Rnds 29-32: rep Rnds 15-16 twice. Eight sts *

❑ Rnd 33: working in back loops only 4dc, 1ch, turn. Four sts

❑ ** Rnd 34: rep Rnd 2. Six sts

❑ Rnds 35-39: rep Rnds 7-8 twice then Rnd 7 again

❑ Rnd 40: working in front loops only 1dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc, 1ch, turn. Four sts

❑ Rnd 41: working in back loops only (dc2tog) twice. Two sts

Fasten off **

SECOND EAR

Using 3.75mm hook and pink (blue) make a slip knot on hook, with RS facing join yarn with a dc to back loop only of st directly to left of first ear (counts as 1dc)

❑ Rnd 1: working in back loops only 3dc, 1ch, turn. Four sts

❑ Rep from ** to ** of Body

TAIL

Using 3.75mm hook and pink make 5ch

❑ Rnd 1: 4dtr in first of 5ch, remove hook from working st and insert into fifth of first 5ch, place working st back on hook and pull through 5ch
Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

*** Sew in ends. Place front and back pieces WS tog and pin. Using 3.75mm hook and pink make a slip knot on hook and join with a dc to bottom right corner, work a dc border around edges, working through both pieces and leaving a gap for stuffing. Lightly stuff. Cont to work dc border to end, join with a sl st to first st, cut yarn and fasten off. Sew in ends. Tie a

contrasting ribbon around neck and tie a bow. Sew ribbon in place ***.

Tie two tail ends of Tail tog in a knot to create a ball and sew to lower centre back of blue side

CHICK

BODY (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.75mm hook and yellow (green) work as for Bunny Body from * to *. Eight sts

❑ Rnd 33: rep Rnd 15 of Bunny Body. Six sts

Fasten off

BEAK

With RS facing, insert a pin at right edge approx four rnds above neck
Using 3.75mm hook and yellow (green) make a slip knot on hook and join with a sl st to end st at pin



❑ Rnd 1: 5ch, 1dc in second ch from hook, 1htr, 1tr, 1dtr, one sl st in rnd end approx four rnds above pin so pointed beak shape lies flat against side of head Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Using yellow to work border and working 2dc into beak point, work as for Bunny To Make Up from *** to ***

LAMB BODY AND LEGS

Using 3.75mm needles and white cast on 14 sts

- ❑ Row 1: k
 - ❑ Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 16 sts
 - ❑ Row 3: k
 - ❑ Rows 4-15: rep Rows 2-3 six times. 28 sts
 - ❑ Rows 16-25: k
 - ❑ Row 26: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 26 sts
 - ❑ Row 27: k
 - ❑ Rows 28-29: rep Rows 26-27. 24 sts
 - ❑ Rows 30-34: rep Row 26 five times. 14 sts
 - ❑ Rows 35-36 (fold lines): k
 - ❑ Rows 37-41: rep Row 2 five times. 24 sts
 - ❑ Row 42: k
 - ❑ Row 43: rep Row 2. 26 sts
 - ❑ Rows 44-45: rep Rows 42-43. 28 sts
 - ❑ Rows 46-56: k
 - ❑ Rows 57-70: rep Rows 26-27 seven times. 14 sts
- Change to fawn
- ❑ Row 71: k7, turn, place rem sts on st holder

❑ **** Rows 72-80: starting with a p row work in st st

- ❑ Row 81: k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. Nine sts
 - ❑ Rows 82-84: starting with a p row work in st st
 - ❑ Row 85: k1, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Seven sts
 - ❑ Row 86: p
 - ❑ Rows 87-88: rep Rows 85-86. Five sts
- Cast off ****

Place seven sts on st holder back onto needle

- ❑ Row 89: k
 - ❑ Rep from **** to ****
- Using 3.75mm needles and fawn, with RS facing pick up and k seven sts from one half of cast-on edge
- ❑ Rep from **** to **** to make third leg
- Using 3.75mm needles and fawn, with RS facing and cast-on edge at top, pick up and k seven sts from rem half of cast-on edge
- ❑ Rep from **** to **** to make fourth leg

HEAD

Using 3.75mm needles and fawn cast on eight sts

- ❑ Row 1: k
- ❑ Row 2: pfb, p to last st, pfb. Ten sts
- ❑ Row 3: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 12 sts
- ❑ Row 4: rep Row 2. 14 sts
- ❑ Rows 5-6: starting with a k row work in st st
- ❑ Row 7: rep Row 3. 16 sts
- ❑ Row 8: p
- ❑ Rows 9-12: rep Rows 7-8 twice. 20 sts



“These cute little toys are perfect for babies as they’re just the right size for small hands to grip. They’re simple, sweet and instantly recognisable. Best of all, you can make them in no time at all”

DESIGNER, LYNNE ROWE

- ❑ Rows 13-20: starting with a k row work in st st
 - ❑ Row 21 (fold line): p
 - ❑ Rows 22-30: starting with a p row work in st st
 - ❑ Row 31: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 18 sts
 - ❑ Row 32: p
 - ❑ Rows 33-36: rep Rows 31-32 twice. 14 sts
 - ❑ Rows 37-38: starting with a k row work in st st
 - ❑ Row 39: rep Row 31. 12 sts
 - ❑ Row 40: p2tog, p to last two sts, p2tog. Ten sts
 - ❑ Row 41: rep Row 31. Eight sts
 - ❑ Row 42: p
- Cast off

EAR (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.75mm needles and fawn cast on six sts

- ❑ Rows 1-10: k
- Cut yarn, thread tail onto tapestry needle, thread through rem sts, fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Sew in ends. Fold Body in half along fold line (WS tog) and sew using mattress st leaving a gap for stuffing. Stuff lightly then sew seam closed. Sew back and front of legs tog using mattress st leaving a gap for stuffing. Stuff lightly then sew seam closed. Fold Head at fold line with WS tog. Using mattress st, sew front and back of Head tog, stuffing lightly. Sew Head to right-hand side of Body. Sew each Ear to side of head at fold line



Springtime

WHO CAN RESIST TRACEY TODHUNTER'S MAMA AND BABY BIRD?

IF YOU'RE NEW TO TOY MAKING THEN THESE SIMPLE BIRDIES ARE JUST THE THING TO GET YOU STARTED. IDEAL FOR INFUSING YOUR HOME WITH AN EASTER TOUCH, YOUNG ONES WILL ALSO LOVE HAVING THEM UNDERARM FOR A COSY SNUGGLE.



KNIT ESSENTIALS

KNIT KIT

Yarn: DK, blue, yellow, green, taupe; Bouclé, white

Needles: 3.75mm

Stuffing

Safety eyes

Tapestry needles

SHOPPING LIST

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- ❑ Row 39: p
 - ❑ Row 40-43: starting with a k row work in st st
 - ❑ Row 44: (k3, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 34 sts
 - ❑ Row 45 and every odd-numbered row: p
 - ❑ Row 46: (k2, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 26 sts
 - ❑ Row 48: (k1, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 18 sts
 - ❑ Row 50: (k2tog) to end. Nine sts
- Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread onto tapestry needle, draw through rem sts to fasten off

WING (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.75mm needles and green cast on nine sts

- ❑ Rows 1-11: starting with a p row work in st st



"This pattern uses very simple increases and decreases so makes an ideal toy for a new knitter. The white bouclé yarn gives a lovely textured effect too"

DESIGNER, TRACEY TODHUNTER

- ❑ Row 12: k1, k2tog, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Seven sts
 - ❑ Row 13: p
 - ❑ Row 14: (k1, k2tog) twice, k1. Five sts
 - ❑ Row 15: p
 - ❑ Row 16: k1, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k1. Three sts
 - ❑ Row 17: p
- Cast off kwise

SCARF

Using 3.75mm needles and pink cast on 50 sts

- ❑ Row 1: (k1, p1) to end
 - ❑ Row 2: (p1, k1) to end
 - ❑ Row 3: rep Row 1
- Cast off in pattern



MAMA BIRD BODY

Using 3.75mm needles and blue cast on nine sts

- ❑ Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: p
 - ❑ Row 2: (kfb) in each st to end. 18 sts
 - ❑ Row 4: (k1, kfb) to last two sts, k2. 26 sts
 - ❑ Row 6: (k2, kfb) to last two sts, k2. 34 sts
 - ❑ Row 8: (k3, kfb) to last two sts, k2. 42 sts
 - ❑ Row 10: (k4, kfb) to last two sts, k2. 50 sts
 - ❑ Row 11: p
- Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: (green, blue) twice, green

NOTE: do not cut yarns, instead carry unused yarn up side of work until needed

- ❑ Rows 12-21: starting with a k row work in st st
- Cut green, change to blue
- ❑ Rows 22-29: starting with a k row work in st st
- ❑ Row 30: (k4, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 42 sts
- ❑ Row 31: p
- ❑ Row 32: (k3, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 34 sts
- ❑ Row 33: p
- ❑ Rows 34-35: starting with a k row work in st st. Change to green
- ❑ Rows 36-37: starting with a k row work in st st
- ❑ Row 38: (k3, kfb) to last two sts, k2. 42 sts



FEET

Using 3.75mm needles and yellow cast on 15 sts

❑ Rows 1-5: starting with a p row work in st st

❑ Row 6: k7, cast off one st, k to end. 14 sts

❑ Row 7: p7, turn

NOTE: work on rem seven sts only

❑ Rows 8-9: starting with a k row work in st st

❑ Row 10: (k1, k2tog) twice, k1. Five sts

❑ Row 11: p

Cast off kwise

With RS facing rejoin yarn to rem seven sts

❑ Rows 12-15: rep Rows 8-11. Five sts

Cast off kwise

TO MAKE UP

* Sew in ends. Starting off from Head sew seam as far as neck. Attach safety eyes and stuff Head. Cont to sew seam, stuffing firmly. Thread yarn through cast-on sts to close. Sew Beak in yellow using satin st (see Knit Clever panel). Attach Wings to side of Body. With WS tog sew Feet together using back st, leaving cast-on edge open. Turn RS out and press lightly. Sew Feet to base of Body with yellow *. Cut six 10cm lengths of blue and thread from one side of head to other, above eyes. Leave a long tail on either side. Knot tails close to head and

trim to leave 1cm for ear tufts on each side. Secure Scarf to back of neck with a couple of sts. Thread one end of scarf onto a tapestry needle and pull through a st on opposite end to secure around neck

BABY BIRD BODY

Using 3.75mm needles and white bouclé cast on nine sts

❑ Rows 1-7: work as for Rows 1-7 of Mama Bird Body

❑ Rows 8-23: starting with a k row work in st st

❑ Row 24: (k2, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 26 sts

❑ Row 25: p

❑ Row 26: k1, (k2tog, k1) to last two sts, k1. 18 sts

❑ Rows 27-29: starting with a p row work in st st

❑ Row 30: (k1, kfb) to last two sts, k2. 26 sts

❑ Rows 31-35: starting with a p row work in st st

❑ Row 36: (k1, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 18 sts

❑ Rows 37-41: starting with a p row work in st st

❑ Row 42: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

❑ Row 43: p

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread onto tapestry needle, draw through rem sts to fasten off

WING (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.75mm needles and white yarn cast on five sts

❑ Rows 1-11: starting with a p row work in st st

❑ Row 12: k1, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k1. Three sts

❑ Row 13: p

Cast off kwise

FEET

Using 3.75mm needles and yellow cast on nine sts

❑ Rows 1-5: starting with a p row work in st st

❑ Row 6: k4, cast off one st, k4. Eight sts

❑ Row 7: p4, turn

NOTE: work on rem four sts only

❑ Rows 8-9: starting with a k row work in st st

❑ Row 10: k1, k2tog, k1. Three sts

❑ Row 11: p

Cast off kwise

With RS facing rejoin yarn to rem four sts

❑ Rows 12-15: rep Rows 8-11. Three sts. Cast off kwise

TO MAKE UP

Work as for Mama Bird To Make Up from * to *. Cut six 10cm lengths of white and thread from one side of head

HOW TO — KNIT WISE —

Satin stitch is an effective option for your bird's beak and involves a simple series of flat stitches. Start with a long piece of yarn and work straight stitches across the area, inserting your needle next to the exit point of the last stitch so they are as close together as possible, taking care to keep them smooth

to the other, above eyes. Leave a long tail on either side. Knot the tails close to head and trim to leave 1cm on either side for ear tufts



MORE FUN THAN FRIGHT, KNIT SUSIE JOHN'S FRIENDLY GHOST

KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

19cm tall

KNIT KIT

Yarn: DK, white, black oddment

Needles: 3.25mm

Safety toy stuffing

Bendy plastic straw

Tapestry needles

GHOST BODY

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on six sts

- ❑ Row 1: kfb in each st. 12 sts
- ❑ Row 2 and every WS row: p
- ❑ Row 3: kfb in each st. 24 sts
- ❑ Row 5: (k1, kfb) to end. 36 sts
- ❑ Row 7: (k2, kfb) to end. 48 sts
- Beg with a p row cont in st st throughout, working shaping on foll rows:
- ❑ Row 21: (k6, k2tog) to end. 42 sts
- ❑ Row 27: (k5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts
- ❑ Row 31: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
- ❑ Row 35: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts
- ❑ Row 37 (eyelet row): k7, yfwd, k2tog, k6, k2tog, yfwd, k7
- ❑ Row 39: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ❑ Row 49: k5, skpo, k4, k2tog, k5. 16 sts
- ❑ Row 53: k4, skpo, k4, k2tog, k4. 14 sts
- ❑ Row 57: k3, skpo, k4, k2tog, k3. 12 sts
- ❑ Row 59: k2, skpo, k4, k2tog, k2. Ten sts
- ❑ Row 61: k2, skpo, k2, k2tog, k2. Eight sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ❑ Row 67: (skpo) twice, (k2tog) twice. Four sts
- Cast off

ARMS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 11 sts

- ❑ Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st

Cast off

HANDS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on seven sts

- ❑ Row 1: cast off five sts, transfer st from RH to LH needle, * cast on seven sts, cast off five sts, transfer st from RH to LH needle, rep from * once more. Six sts

MEET THIS CUTE AND CUDDLY SPOOK WHO JUST WANTS TO BE LOVED! HE DOESN'T TAKE LONG TO KNIT AND WOULD BE A LOVELY DECORATION FOR A KIDS' HALLOWE'EN PARTY. HIS ARMS ARE STRENGTHENED USING A BENDY STRAW, WHICH ALSO MEANS THEY CAN BE REPOSITIONED HOWEVER YOU LIKE. PRACTISE EMBROIDERING THE FACE BEFORE YOU SEW TO MAKE SURE YOU GET A GOOD EXPRESSION.



- ❑ Row 2: (k2tog) to end. Three sts
- Cast off

TO MAKE UP

Sew back seam, leaving base open. Stuff firmly then close base. Trim each end of straw so straight pieces either side of bendy section are same length as knitted arms. Insert straw through

eyelet row, positioning bendy section in centre of body and straight pieces protruding from each side.

Stitch cast-on and cast-off edges of each Arm together to form a tube. Slip tube on to end of straw, sewing top of Arm to eyelet hole. Repeat for other Arm. Attach hands. Use black DK to embroider face.

HOW TO STITCH SCHOOL TECHNIQUE: K2TOG



- 1 Insert the right needle into the front loops of next two stitches on the left needle. Then wrap the yarn anticlockwise around the tip and knit both stitches at the same time.

WORK YOUR MAGIC WITH VAL PIERCE'S WONDERFUL WIZARD

A LONG TIME AGO, IN A FAR-AWAY LAND, WITCHES AND WIZARDS USED TO DAZZLE KINGS AND QUEENS WITH AN ARRAY OF SPELLS, POTIONS AND CREATURES. THIS WISE OLD WIZARD WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST, WITH A FEW CHEEKY TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE. FANS OF MERLIN, HARRY POTTER AND LORD OF THE RINGS WILL ALL LOVE THIS CHARACTERFUL TOY, KNITTED IN SOFT YARNS AND EMBELLISHED WITH CELESTIAL BUTTONS.

MAGICAL
KIDS'
TOY



KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

36cm standing

KNIT KIT

Yarn: YarnCraft DK, (A) shade 109 Regal, (B) shade 105 Flash, one 100g ball of each, (C) Bergere de France Plume, shade 24760 Papier, one 50g ball

Needles: 4mm, 5mm

Buttons: Novelty celestial, two packs; black, small, two

Piece of dowel

Ribbon: silver

Craft glue

Safety stuffing

Stitch holders

SHOPPING LIST

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BODY AND HEAD

NOTE: Worked all in one piece starting from base of Body

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 36 sts

□ Work 36 rows in st st, pm last row as row for neckline

□ Work 26 rows st st

□ Next row: k2tog across row. 18 sts

□ Next row: p

□ Next row: k2tog across row. Nine sts

□ Next row: p

Cut yarn and run through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off

ARMS (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on nine sts

NOTE: this is the top of Arm

□ Row 1: p

□ Row 2: kfb in each st to end. 18 sts

□ Cont in st st for 19 rows

□ Row 22: * k2, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 24 sts

□ Row 23: p

□ Work six rows st st

□ Row 30: k2tog across row. 12 sts

□ Row 31: p

□ Row 32: k2tog across row. Six sts

Cut yarn and run through sts on needle, draw up and fasten off

LEGS (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 20 sts

□ Work 30 rows st st

SHAPE FOOT

□ Next row: k13, turn

□ Next row: p6, turn

□ Next row: k6, turn

□ Rep last two rows twice more

Cut yarn

Rejoin yarn to seven sts sts on RH needle and proceed as follows:

□ Pick up and k five sts along side of instep, k6 across toe, pick up and k 5 sts down other side of instep, k across rem seven sts. 30 sts

□ Next row: p

□ Work six rows in st st

□ Next row: k2tog, k12, k2tog, k12, k2tog. 27 sts

□ Next row: k2tog, p to last two sts, k2tog. 25 sts

□ Next row: k11, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k11. 23 sts

Cast off

HAIR

Using 5mm needles and yarn C, cast on seven sts

□ Work ten rows in garter st, inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row. 17 sts

□ Work four more rows in garter st without shaping

□ Cast off

BEARD

Using 5mm needles and yarn C cast on seven sts

□ Work eight rows in garter st, inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row. 15 sts

□ Work eight rows in garter st. Divide work for sides of beard

□ Next row: k5, cast off five sts, k to end

□ On first set of five sts, work 30 rows in garter st

Cast off

□ Return to rem five sts and work to match first side

MOUSTACHE

Using 5mm needles and yarn C, cast on two sts

□ Work four rows in garter st, inc one st at each end of next and foll alt row. Six sts

□ K four rows

□ Next row: k to last two sts, k2tog. Five sts

□ Next row: k2tog, k to end. Four sts

□ Next row: k to last two sts, k2tog. Three sts

□ Next row: k

□ Next row: k to last st, kfb. Four sts

□ Next row: kfb in first st, k to end. Five sts

□ Next row: k to last st, kfb. Six sts

Six sts

□ K four rows

□ Working in garter st, dec one st at each end of next two alt rows. Two sts

Cast off

SHOES (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A cast on 24 sts

□ Work two rows in garter st

□ Work six rows in st st

□ Next row: k15, turn

□ Next row: p6 turn

□ Work six rows in st st on these sts, cut yarn

□ Rejoin yarn to nine sts on RH needle, pick up and k six sts down first side of foot, k6 across toe, pick up and k 6 sts down other side of foot, k across rem sts. 36 sts

□ Next row: p

□ Work seven rows in st st

□ Next row: k2tog across row. 18 sts

Cast off

GOWN

NOTE: worked in one piece starting from lower back

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 36 sts



- ❑ Work two rows in garter st
- ❑ Beg with a k row, work 60 rows in st st
- Divide for neck as folls:
- ❑ K two rows in garter st
- ❑ Next row: k12, cast off 12, k to end

FRONT SIDE

- ❑ K two rows
- ❑ Next row: k2, m1, k to end
- ❑ Next row: p to last two sts, k2
- ❑ Rep last two rows until there are 18 sts
- Leave sts on holder
- ❑ Work other side to match reversing incs

JOIN FRONT

- ❑ K across first set of sts, cast on one st, k across other set of sts. 37 sts
- ❑ Next row: p17, k3, p17
- ❑ Next row: k
- ❑ Rep last two rows ten times more
- ❑ Cont in st st until Front matches Back
- ❑ K two rows
- ❑ Pm at 18th row down either side of Back and Front of gown
- ❑ Cast off

SLEEVES (MAKE TWO)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A with RS of work facing, beg at first marker on Front, pick up and k 18 sts to shoulder, work down back in same way to marker. 36 sts

- ❑ Beg with a p row, work nine rows in st st
- ❑ K four rows
- Cast off

HAT

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 70 sts

- ❑ Work two rows in garter st
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ❑ Row 8: * k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 56 sts
- ❑ Row 9: p
- ❑ Row 10: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to end. 42 sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st
- ❑ Row 18: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to last two sts, k2. 32 sts
- ❑ Row 19: p
- ❑ Row 20: * k1, k2tog, rep from * to last two sts, k2. 22 sts
- ❑ Row 21: p
- ❑ Row 22: * k2tog, rep from * to end. 11 sts
- ❑ Row 23: p
- ❑ Work eight rows in st st
- ❑ Row 32: k2tog to last st, k1. Six sts
- ❑ Beg with a p row, work six rows in st st
- ❑ Do not fasten off, pull yarn through rem sts, draw up tight and fasten

NOSE

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on five sts

- ❑ Work ten rows in st st
- Cast off



TO MAKE UP

Sew seam of Head and Body, leaving base open to stuff. Stuff Head section, then semi-stuff Body. Beginning at back seam on marked neck row, weave yarn in and out of every stitch, then pull up tight to form head. Stuff Body but do not close base. Sew Arm seams, stuff and shape before closing. Attach Arms at shoulders. Sew Leg and Foot seams. Stuff and shape before closing. Insert Legs inside base of Body. Pin in place, sew through Body and Legs at same time to attach them firmly. Curl Nose into a neat ball shape, stitch on

underside. Sew to front of Head. Sew on black buttons for eyes. Using yarn C, embroider eyebrows. Tease out strands to give a wispy look. Pin beard in place around front of Head underneath Nose, taking side pieces up either side of Head. Sew in place. Sew Moustache in place. Let ends flow over Beard. Sew hair in place at back of Head, stretching to fit neatly if needed. Sew side and sleeve seams of gown. Slip on to wizard. Sew seams on Shoes. Stretch point of each Shoe into shape. Place on Feet and catch at back of heel to keep in place. Sew seam of Hat. Place on

Head. Sew in place. Decorate Hat, Shoes and Gown with celestial buttons. Take dowel and wind silver ribbon around it. Glue in place at top and bottom. Drill a tiny hole in the top of dowel, thread yarn B through and attach to hand.

HOT TIP

Use a blunt ended needle to tease out strands of hair, beard and moustache to give a wispy look

JOLLY

SPREAD SOME FESTIVE CHEER WITH
ZOE HALSTEAD'S JOLLY CHRISTMAS ELF

CHRISTMAS ELVES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SYMBOLIC OF FESTIVE CHEER, AND BERNARD IS THE EPITOME OF JOY AND HAPPINESS. WHETHER YOU ARE SIX, OR 66, YOU CAN'T HELP BUT FALL HEAD-OVER-HEELS FOR THIS LITTLE CHAP. AND ALTHOUGH THIS SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER MIGHT LOOK LIKE A RATHER DETAILED KNIT, HE IS IN FACT QUITE STRAIGHTFORWARD, BEING PREDOMINANTLY KNITTED IN STOCKING STITCH.

FUN FOR
ALL AGES

KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

30cm standing

KNIT KIT

Yarn: King Cole Pricewise DK, (A) shade 272 Grass, (B) shade 9 Red, one 100g ball of each; King Cole Dollymix DK, (C) shade 149 Flesh, (D) shade 1 White, (E) shade 48 Black, (F) shade 55 Gold, (G) shade 273 Chocolate, one 25g ball of each.

Needles: 3.25mm, 4mm

Tapestry needle

Washable toy stuffing

Toy safety eyes: black, 6mm, two

Pink embroidery thread

Bells: gold, small, three

SHOPPING LIST

For a great selection of DK yarns, visit loveknitting.com or call 0845 5760 007

BODY AND HEAD

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 46 sts

□ Beg with a k row, work in st st until piece meas 9.5cm, ending after a p row

SHAPE SHOULDERS

□ Row 1: k11, skpo, k20, k2tog, k11. 44 sts

□ Row 2: p

□ Row 3: k10, skpo, k20, k2tog, k10. 42 sts

□ Row 4: p

□ Row 5: k10, skpo, k18, k2tog, k10. 40 sts

□ Row 6: p

□ Row 7: k1, k2tog to last st, k1. 21 sts

□ Row 8: p

Change to yarn C

□ Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st

SHAPE HEAD

□ Row 11: k1, * m1, k1, rep from * to end. 41 sts

□ Beg with a p row, work 21 rows in st st

SHAPE TOP OF HEAD

□ Row 33: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to last st, k1. 31 sts

□ Row 34: p

□ Row 35: k1, * k2tog, rep from * to end. 16 sts

□ Row 36: (p2tog) to end. Eight sts

□ Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for making up, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off

NOSE

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn C, cast on two sts

□ Row 1: k

□ Beg with a p row, work two rows in st st inc one st at each end of every row. Six sts

□ Beg with a p row, work two rows in st st

□ Cont in st st dec one st at each end of next two rows. Two sts

□ Next row: p2tog. One st

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for making up, thread through rem st, pull up tightly and fasten off

EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn C, cast on three sts

□ K two rows

□ Next row: (k1, m1) twice, k1. Five sts

□ K three rows

□ Next row: skpo, k to end. Four sts

□ Next row: k

□ Rep last two rows twice more. Two sts

□ Next row: k2tog. One st

Cut yarn, thread through rem st, pull up tightly and fasten off

ARMS (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on four sts

□ Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st

□ Next row: k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. Six sts

□ Next row: p

□ Rep the last two rows until there are 14 sts

□ Starting with a p row, work 21 rows in st st

Change to yarn D

□ K eight rows

Change to yarn C

□ Beg with a k row, work eight rows in st st

□ Next row: (k2tog) seven times. Seven sts

Seven sts

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for making up, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off

HOW TO
— KNIT WISE —

BABY-PROOF YOUR TOY!

However adorable our elf might be, a few of his details aren't quite suitable for babies and toddlers – but why should they miss out on this Christmas cutie? Swap his beaded eyes for embroidered features, and instead of sewing the bells to the outside of his shoes – why not stuff them inside his shoes? Although he might be missing the visual aspect of the bells, he will still be interactive, and incredibly fun.





"This elf is a cute Christmas project who would make a lovely stocking filler, and a great way of using up festive-coloured oddments of yarn."

DESIGNER, ZOE HALSTEAD

LEGS AND SHOES (MAKE TWO)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn B, cast on 16 sts
 □ Beg with a k row, work four rows in st st
 Join in yarn D
 □ Work four rows in st st
 □ Rep last eight rows three times more (eight stripes worked altogether)
 Change to yarn A
 □ K six rows

SHAPE INSTEP AND TOE

□ Next row: k11, turn
 □ Next row: k6, turn
 □ K ten rows on these six sts
 □ Next row: skpo, k2, k2tog. Four sts
 □ K three rows
 □ Next row: skpo, k2tog. Two sts
 Two sts
 □ K ten rows
 □ Next row: k2tog. One st
 Cut yarn, thread through rem st, pull up tightly and fasten off
 □ With RS facing, rejoin yarn to end of sts on RH needle and pick up and k 15 sts along edge of instep and toe, turn. 20 sts
 □ K two rows
 □ Cast off three sts at beg of next and foll alt row. 14 sts
 □ Cont in garter st, dec one st at each end of next three rows. Eight sts
 □ K one row
 □ Cast off
 □ With RS facing, rejoin yarn to point of toe and pick up and k 15 sts along edge of toe and instep, then k five sts on LH needle. 20 sts
 □ K one row
 □ Cast off three sts at beg of next and foll alt row. 14 sts
 □ K one row
 □ Dec one st at each end of next three rows. Eight sts
 □ K one row
 □ Cast off

TUNIC SKIRT

Using 4mm needles and yarn D, cast on 46 sts
 □ K five rows
 Change to yarn A
 □ Beg with a k row, work in st st until piece meas 5.5cm ending after a p row

BELT

Change to yarn E
 □ K three rows
 □ Cast off

COLLAR

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn B, cast on 20 sts
 □ K two rows
 □ Next row: k2, * m1, k2, rep from * to end. 29 sts
 □ Next row: k
 □ Next row: k2, * m1, k3, rep from * to end. 38 sts
 □ Next row: k
 □ Next row: k3, m1, * k4, m1, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 47 sts
 □ Next row: k
 □ Next row: k3, m1, * k5, m1, rep from * to last four sts, k4. 56 sts
 □ Next row (WS): k5, turn
 Work on these five sts only
 □ Next row: skpo, k to end
 □ K one row, turn
 □ Rep the last two rows until two sts rem
 □ Next row: k2tog. One st
 Cut yarn, thread through rem st, pull up tightly and fasten off
 ** With WS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts and cont as follows:
 □ Next row (WS): k8, turn
 Work on these eight sts only
 □ Next row: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. Six sts
 □ K one row, turn
 □ Rep the last two rows twice more. Two sts
 □ Next row: k2tog. One st
 Cut yarn, thread through rem st, pull up tightly and fasten off **
 □ Rep from ** to ** five times more
 □ With WS facing, rejoin yarn to rem three sts and k one row
 □ Next row: k1, k2tog. Two sts
 □ K one row
 □ Next row: k2tog. One st
 Cut yarn, thread through rem st, pull up tightly and fasten off

HAT

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 42 sts
 □ K five rows
 Change to yarn A
 □ Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st
 □ Cont in st st dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until four sts rem
 Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for making up, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Weave in all ends. Sew centre back seam of head and body using mattress stitch. Attach toy eyes in positions as shown. Stuff head firmly. Using yarn left at top of nose, sew running stitches all around edge of nose piece. Place small amount of stuffing in centre of wrong side of nose, draw up thread to form a ball. Sew nose to Bernard's face in position as shown. Turn one ear over to make a mirrored pair then sew each to side of Bernard's head in positions using image as a guide, leaving top points free. Embroider a mouth using pink embroidery thread.

Using yarn A, sew running stitches around neck at narrowest part, draw up then fasten off securely. Stuff body firmly.

Fold each leg with right sides together and sew heel, sole and toe seam of each shoe. Turn right side out making sure to push full length of toe out. Sew centre back seam of each leg using mattress stitch and matching stripes. Stuff leg and shoe,

but not toe, firmly. Over-sew top edges of each leg. Place top of legs in bottom edge of body and sew through all layers to secure legs and make sure they can hinge at body.

Sew arm seam, stuff firmly then sew shaped section at top of arm over shoulder shapings. Sew centre back seam of Tunic. Place on toy so that bottom edge of Tunic skirt falls in third stripe down on legs. Sew top edge to body all around, using black yarn and duplicate stitch. Using an oddment of Gold yarn, sew straight stitches over belt at centre front to form belt buckle. Turn collar over so wrong side is uppermost. Weave in all ends. Place collar on Bernard's neck, sew centre back seam. Sew loops of yarn G around Bernard's hairline and in front of and behind ears. Sew centre back seam of hat and sew bell to point. Place hat on Bernard's head over hair and sew in place all the way round. Sew a bell to end of toe on each shoe, encouraging toe to curl upwards.



IT'S CHRISTMAS NIGHT AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE, THE ONLY THING STIRRING IS **ELLEN KHARADE'S** FESTIVE MOUSE

THIS CUTE MOUSE WOULD MAKE AN ADORABLE COMPANION AT CHRISTMAS. COMPLETE WITH HIS FESTIVE STOCKING, HE IS READY AND WAITING FOR THE BIG DAY. THE MOUSE IS SIMPLE TO SEW, COMPRISING OF JUST ONE PIECE FOR THE HEAD AND ONE FOR THE BODY, PLUS TWO PIECES OF RECYCLED KNITWEAR FOR HIS TANK TOP.

TEMPLATE



HOT TIP

Wool fabric off the bolt can be a bit pricey. For a more economical version, felt an old white woollen jumper or blanket in the washing machine.



ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

19cm x 20cm

KIT

Felt: wool, white, 30cm x 1m; cameo pink; red; white

Recycled jumper, felted

Fibre filling

Wool: brown

Ric rac: red; white; green

Braid, flower, white

Thread: embroidery, red; black; white; strong, doll making

Buttons: black, two; red, one; white, one

Ink pad: pale pink

STITCH A MOUSE

1 Find the templates from page 104 and cut out. Pin the pieces for the head and body onto white wool felt fabric and cut out one of each. Pin the templates for the arms, legs and ears to the white felt and cut out four of each shape. Cut out two pieces for the tail. For the hands and feet, cut out two of each shape from pink felt.

2 With right sides facing, place two arm pieces together and sandwich a hand in between facing inwards. Pin all of the pieces together and machine stitch around three sides, leaving the end without the

hand open. Turn the right way and stuff evenly with fibre filling. Make the remaining arm and the two legs in the same way and put to one side.

3 Sew the darts into the body section and using embroidery scissors, cut out the holes for the arms as indicated on the pattern. Turn the body section to the wrong side and push an arm through the hole from the right side. Line up the raw edges of the arm seams with the darts and pin into position, then hand sew into place using strong doll making thread. Sew the other arm into place in the same way. With

right sides facing, pin the back seam together, leaving an 8cm gap in the centre for turning and machine stitch into place.

4 Sew the dart into the head section as indicated on the pattern. With right sides facing, fold the head into a cone, pin the straight edges together and machine stitch into place. Sew the dart into one of the ear sections as indicated on the pattern. With right sides facing, place the two ear pieces together, pin and machine stitch. Turn the ear the right way. Dab a soft cloth into a pale pink ink pad and gently rub the



knotting securely between each one as you do so. Pin and machine stitch the tail sections together, turn the right way and stuff with fibre filling. Cut out a small hole for the tail as indicated on the pattern and hand sew into place as for the arms and the legs.

7 Using black embroidery thread, sew on the nose, mouth and two black buttons for eyes, as shown. Stuff the head and body with fibre filling until well rounded then sew up the gap with neat ladder stitches. Apply a little pink colour from the ink pad to the nose and cheeks of the mouse.

SEW A TANK TOP

1 Pin the pattern for the tank top back and front onto a recycled felted jumper and cut out the pieces. With right sides facing, pin them together and machine stitch, leaving a gap at the armholes. Turn under the raw edges at the armholes and sew with back stitches. Cut off a 5cm wide strip of ribbing from the base of the recycled jumper and hand sew to the neck of the tank top. Fold the cut edge over to the wrong side and hand sew into place. Stitch a strip of red ric rac to the base of the tank top. Embroider star stitches in red and white on the back and front to finish.

MAKE A STOCKING

1 Pin the template for the stocking onto red felt and cut out two pieces. Cut a 3cm square of white felt and sew to the front of the stocking using blanket stitch and black embroidery thread. Add strips of white and green ric rac and ribbon to decorate, plus sew in a loop for hanging. Stitch red and white buttons into place, as shown. Turn over 1.5cm at the top of the stocking and stitch on a row of flower braid to decorate. Place the stocking pieces together and machine stitch around the shape, then stuff.



pigment over the ear until it is lightly coloured. Stuff evenly with the fibre filling and make a second ear in the same way.

5 With right sides facing, pin the head to the body. Pin the ears into position as indicated on the pattern, making sure that they are facing inwards and machine stitch. Pin the crotch together and machine stitch. Pin the legs into the leg holes and hand sew into place as for the arms.

6 Thread a darning needle with brown wool for the hair and make a few loops between the ears,

Gnome

DECK THE HALLS WITH AMANDA BERRY'S KNITTED GNOME

SPREAD THE FESTIVE JOY AND WHIP UP THIS CUTE LITTLE MAKE TODAY. USING SIMPLE STITCHES, THIS ADORABLE TOY-MAKING PROJECT IS ALSO A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE AT YULETIDE. DIG OUT YOUR EYELASH YARN, AS IT IS PERFECT FOR MAKING A FLUFFY BEARD AND IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH, YOU COULD KNIT HIM SOME EXTRA BEARDED GNOMEY COMPANIONS.



HOW TO

— KNIT WISE —

To work a 'kfb' increase, knit into the front of the next stitch but don't slip it off the left-hand needle. Put the tip of the right-hand needle into the back of the same stitch on the left-hand needle. Wrap the yarn around the right-hand needle and bring the needle and yarn wrapped round it through the stitch. Slip the original stitch off the left-hand needle

KNIT ESSENTIALS

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

20cm

KNIT KIT

Yarn: DK, cream, green, purple, white, blue; eyelash yarn, white

Needles: 4.5mm

Toy stuffing

Black beads for eyes

Bell

KNITTED GNOME

NOSE

Using 4.5mm needles and cream cast on two sts

❑ Row 1: k1, (kfb) four times in next st. Nine sts

❑ Row 2: p8, turn

❑ Row 3: k

❑ Row 4: rep Row 2

❑ Row 5: * sl 2, k2tog, pass two slipped sts over k2tog st, rep from * once. Three sts

** Thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts on needle, gather tog **

EARS (MAKE TWO)

Using 4.5mm needles and cream cast on eight sts

❑ Row 1: k

❑ Rows 2-3: (k2tog) to end. Two sts Rep from ** to ** of Nose

HEAD AND BODY

NOTE: this is worked in one piece, starting at bottom of Body Using 4.5mm needles and green cast on eight sts

❑ Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: p

❑ Row 2: (kfb) in each st to end. 16 sts

❑ Row 4: (kfb, k1) to end. 24 sts

❑ Row 6: (kfb, k2) to end. 32 sts

❑ Row 8: k

❑ Row 10: k4, (kfb, k7) three times, kfb, k3. 36 sts

❑ Rows 11-19: starting with a p row work

in st st

Change to cream

❑ Rows 20-26: starting with a k row work in st st Change to purple

❑ Row 27: p

❑ Row 28: k4, (k2tog, k7) three times, k2tog, k3. 32 sts

❑ Rows 29-31: starting with a p row work in st st

❑ Row 32: k3, (k2tog, k6) three times, k2tog, k3. 28 sts

❑ Rows 33-35: rep Rows 29-31

❑ Row 36: k3, (k2tog, k5) three times, k2tog, k2. 24 sts

❑ Rows 37-39: rep Rows 29-31

❑ Row 40: k2, (k2tog, k4) three times, k2tog, k2. 20 sts

❑ Row 41 and every odd-numbered row: p

❑ Row 42: k2, (k2tog, k3) three times, k2tog, k1. 16 sts

❑ Row 44: k1, (k2tog, k2) three times, k2tog, k1. 12 sts

❑ Row 46: (k2tog) to end. Six sts Rep from ** to ** of Nose

BEARD

Using 4.5mm needles and white cast on six sts

❑ Rows 1-23: starting with a k row work in st st Cast off

ARMS (MAKE TWO)

Using 4.5mm needles and green cast on nine sts

❑ Rows 1-9: starting with a p row work in st st Change to cream

❑ Row 10: k2, (kfb, k1) twice, kfb, k2. 12 sts

❑ Rows 11-13: starting with a p row work in st st

❑ Row 14: (k2tog) to end. Six sts Rep from ** to ** of Nose

LEGS (MAKE TWO)

Using 4.5mm needles and blue cast on 14 sts

❑ Row 1: p

❑ Row 2: k5, m1, k1, m1, k2, m1, k1, m1, k5. 18 sts

❑ Rows 3-5: starting with a p row work in st st

❑ Row 6: k7, (k2tog) twice, k7. 16 sts

❑ Row 7: p5, cast off six sts, p to end. Ten sts

Change to green

❑ Rows 8-15: starting with a k row work in st st

Cast off

TO MAKE UP

Sew a running st around outside of Nose piece, pull sts to gather and make a small ball. Stuff lightly and close. Join first cast-on st of Ear to last cast-on st, so cast-on edge forms outside of circular Ear. Rep with second Ear. Sew side edge of Head and Body tog, stuff (do not add too much stuffing to hat so it can bend over at top), close bottom by gathering sts tog. Using cream sew a running stitch around neck where green meets cream. Pull to gather neck in a little and secure. Sew Nose to front of face in centre of cream band. Sew an Ear on either side. Make eyes by sewing two small black beads to two white circles of felt. Sew these above Nose. Sew bell to top of hat. Sew short ends of Beard to Head in front of Ears. Sew in place under Nose. For the hair, using 4mm hook and white, work ch st around bottom of hat. Tease out some strands to create bushy hair. Trim strands to leave eyes clear. Sew side seam of Arms, stuff hands, sew top of Arms to top of Body. Sew seams of Legs, stuff feet, sew top of feet closed. Sew tops of Legs to bottom of Body



“My top hint for working with eyelash yarn is to knit loose stitches so you don't get in a muddle with all the strands.”

DESIGNER, AMANDA BERRY

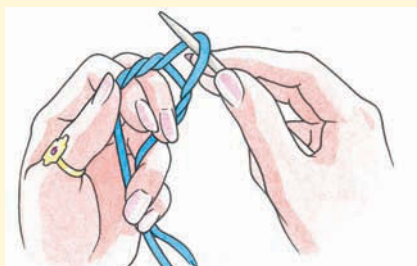
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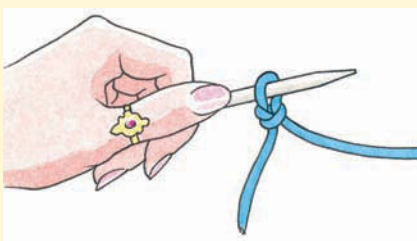
YOU MAY BE A TOTAL NOVICE, OR YOU MIGHT BE PICKING UP YOUR NEEDLES AND HOOKS AFTER A PERIOD AWAY FROM KNITTING AND CROCHET, SO IF YOU'RE FEELING A LITTLE OVERWHELMED OR NEED TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY, THEN THIS IS JUST THE GUIDE YOU NEED! READ OUR STEP-BY-STEP ILLUSTRATIONS FOR THE BASIC STITCHES, AND REFER BACK TO OUR HANDY ABBREVIATIONS PANEL. WE'VE TRIED TO COVER EVERY EVENTUALITY, EITHER HERE OR WITHIN THE PROJECTS THEMSELVES, SO YOU'LL BE AN EXPERT IN NO TIME

SLIP KNOT

The very first thing you need to do, before you even start casting on!



1 Holding the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, then pull the second loop under the first.

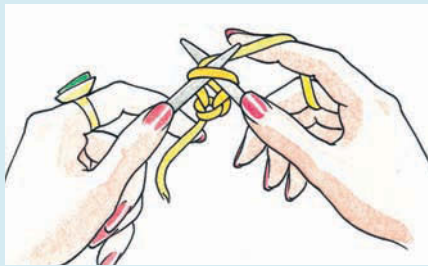


2 Remove your two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.



CAST ON

Creating stitches to knit with is surprisingly easy – this is the most common cast on method used



1 Make a slipknot on the left-hand needle and pull it taut. Insert the right-hand needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the left-hand needle. Wrap the ball end of the yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the right-hand needle.



2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch and insert the tip of the left-hand needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer from the right to left needle. There should now be two stitches on the left-hand needle.



3 Repeat the above steps, knitting into the top stitch on the left needle and returning the new stitches from the right to the left needle until you have the required number of stitches.

KNIT STITCH (K)

Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



1 Once cast on, insert the tip of the right needle upwards and from front to back into the top stitch on the left needle. The right-hand needle should sit behind the left-hand one. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the tip of the right-hand needle.



2 Using the right-hand needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the right needle.



3 Slide the original stitch off the left-hand needle. Repeat from step one. You are now knitting! The knit stitch can be combined with other stitches to create hundreds of different stitch patterns.

KNIT TWO TOGETHER (K2TOG)

A common decrease achieved by knitting two stitches together



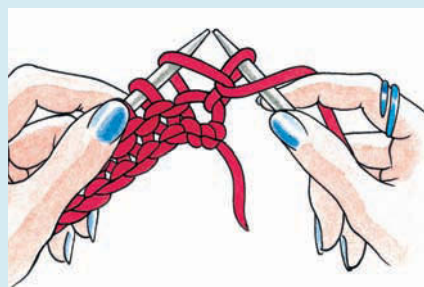
1 Insert the right needle into the front loops of next two stitches on the left needle. Then wrap the yarn anticlockwise around the tip and knit both stitches at the same time.

PURL STITCH (P)

Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



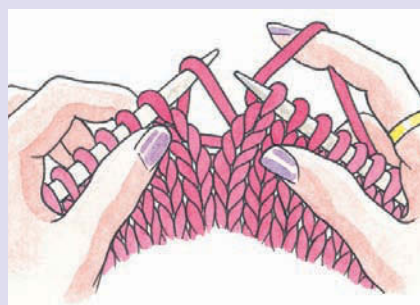
1 With the ball-end of the yarn at the front (towards you), insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front loop of the first stitch from right to left, with the right-hand needle in front of the left-hand needle.



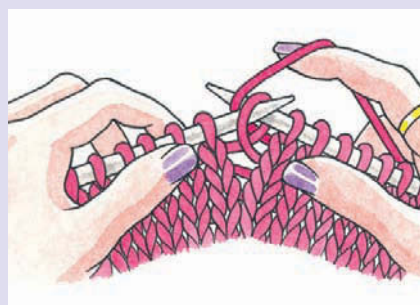
2 Draw this needle backwards and upwards, forming a new stitch on the right-hand needle.



3 Once the new stitch has been formed on the right-hand needle you can let the loop from the left-hand needle slide off the end. Repeat until all the stitches have been purl and you have completed the row.

MAKE ONE (M1)

1 Insert the left needle into the horizontal bar of yarn lying between the stitch just knitted and the next stitch to be knitted. Hook and lift it with the needle tip in a backwards direction (away from you).



2 Push the right needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the left needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the right needle.

CAST OFF

Once you have completed the number of rows needed for your project, you'll need to cast off. This fastens the work and keeps it from unravelling



1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the left needle into the second stitch on the right needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the right needle and pulling the yarn to tighten. There is now one stitch on the right needle.

2 Knit one more stitch and repeat the process in step one. Continue until there is one stitch remaining. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail. Slip the loop off the needle and pull the tail through, pulling it tight.

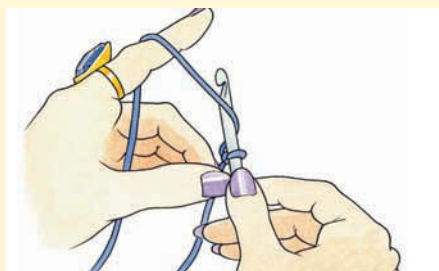
**ABBREVIATIONS**

Knitting and crochet patterns are full of abbreviations but don't panic, here's a handy list of all the main ones

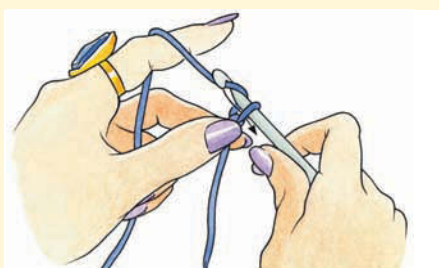
O: no stitches, times or rows	rev st st: reverse stocking stitch
-: no stitches, times or rows	RH: right-hand
alt: alternate	RS: right side
approx: approximately	skpo: slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
beg: beginning	sl 1: slip one stitch
bet: between	sl st: slip stitch
ch: chain	sp(s): space(s)
ch sp: chain space	ssk: one by one, slip next two stitches knitwise, put left-hand needle through front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
cir: circular needles	st(s): stitch(es)
cn: cable needle	st st: stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row)
cont: continue	tbl: through the back of loop(s)
dc: double crochet	tog: together
dpn: double pointed needles	tr: treble
dec: decrease	WS: wrong side
dtr: double treble	wyib: with yarn in back
fol: following	wyif: with yarn in front
htr: half treble	yb: yarn back
inc: increase	yfwd: yarn forward (between knit stitches)
k: knit	yoh: yarn over hook
kfb: knit into front and back of next stitch	yon: yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
kwise: knitwise	ym: yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)
k2tog: knit two together	*: repeat instruction between the asterisks
LH: left-hand	(): work instructions inside the brackets
lp: loop	
m1/m1p: make one stitch by picking up horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into back of it	
meas: measures	
N1 (2,3): needle 1 (2,3)	
p: purl	
pb: place bead	
pm: place marker	
prev: previous	
psso: pass slipped stitch over	
pwise: purlwise	
p2tog: purl two together	
rem: remaining	
rep: repeat	
rev: reverse	

CHAIN (CH)

Before you learn anything else, you'll need to master the chain stitch. When repeated, it forms your foundation chain



1 Make a slip knot and put it on the neck of the hook – don't pull it too tight or it will be difficult to stitch with. Coming from behind, wrap the yarn around the hook from right to left, across the 'neck'.



2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

SLIP STITCH (SL ST)

The slip stitch is ideal for joining one part of crochet to another



1 Insert the hook into the second chain from the hook (or as indicated in the pattern you are using). There will now be two loops on the hook.

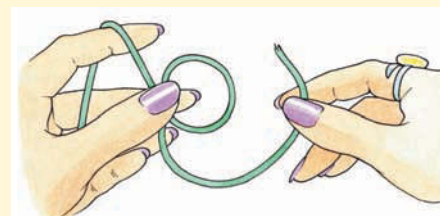


2 Wrap the yarn around the hook and pull the yarn through both loops. The loop on the hook does not count as a chain.

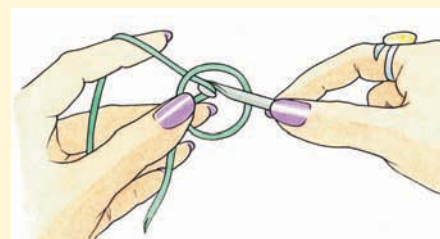


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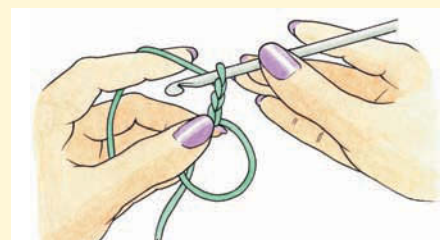
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



2 With your hook, draw the working yarn through the loop, so you have one loop on the hook.



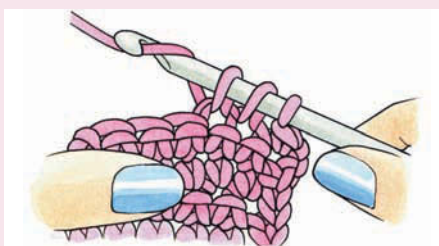
3 Make 3ch (counts as first tr), tr into the loop, crocheting over the tail.



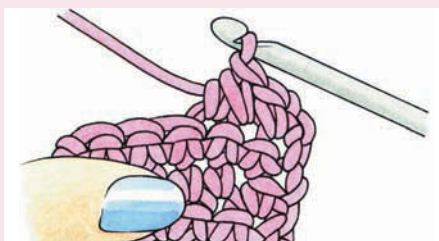
4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary then pull to close the loop

DOUBLE CROCHET TWO TOGETHER (DC2TOG)

The double crochet decrease appears in patterns as dc2tog, but the number can change according to how many stitches you are crocheting together



1 Insert hook through next st, yoh, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yoh, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



2 Yoh, draw through all three loops. One loop on hook.

DOUBLE CROCHET (DC)

This is one of the main stitches in crochet. Once you've mastered it, the world really is your (crochet) oyster!



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.



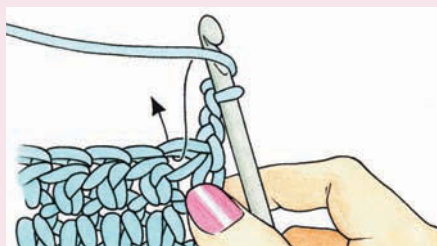
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.



3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

HALF TREBLE (HTR)

The half treble is very similar to the double crochet, except for the extra 'yarn round hook' (yrh) before each stitch is begun.



1 (You will need a turning ch of two sts.) Yarn over the hook and insert through the st.



2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



3 Yarn over the hook and draw through all three loops.

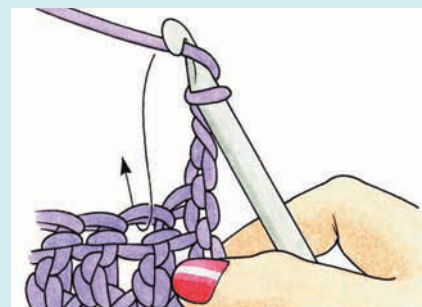


CROCHET CLEVER

The neatest way to change colour in crochet is part way through a stitch. Work until you have two loops left on your hook, drop the old yarn then take up the new. Fold it round the hook and draw this loop through the two stitches left on the hook.

TREBLE (TR)

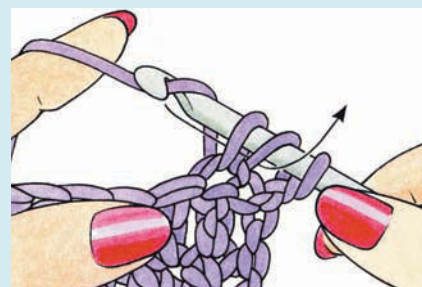
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



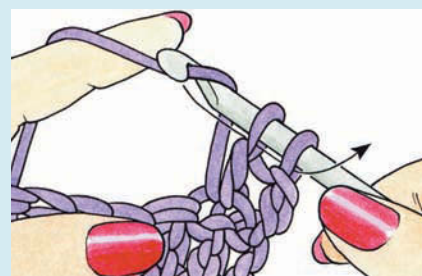
1 (You will need a turning chain of three sts.) Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work, there will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



3 Yarn over the hook and draw through the first two loops. This will leave two loops on the hook.

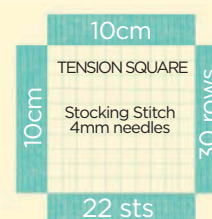


4 Yarn over the hook and draw through all the loops. This will leave one loop on the hook.



TENSION HEADACHE

The tension square is not the most exciting part of any knitting project but in some cases it is one of the most important. Ensuring you have the correct number of stitches and rows across your 10cm swatch is crucial to getting the right measurements and a good fit. Here's how to do it:



Using the yarn and needles recommended in the pattern, cast on the number of stitches given in the tension square plus six more. In this case you would need to cast on a total of 28 stitches (22+6).

Making sure your stitches are not too tight or too loose, and working a knit stitch at each end of every row to prevent curling, work in stocking stitch unless another stitch is specified until the piece measures 14cm. Cast off. Each knitted stitch is signified by one complete 'V' shape, so lay a ruler horizontally across your swatch, use marker pins to indicate 10cm and count the number of stitches, including half stitches.

Do the same with the rows. Now compare this to the recommended tension. If there are too many stitches your tension is too tight – switch to a larger set of needles and try again. Similarly, if there are too few stitches your knitting is too loose – try with smaller size needles.

FINAL STAGES

Finish your project like a pro with these handy guides

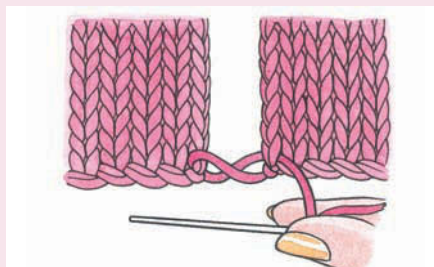


AT A LOOSE END?

Follow these steps for sewing in any loose ends:

- 1 Thread the yarn onto a tapestry needle and work with the WS of the knit facing upwards.
- 2 Insert the needle under the loop of each stitch, and draw it through. Work it up and down the loops of the stitches for 8cm.
- 3 Cut the yarn close to the fabric.
- 4 If you are weaving at a colour change, be sure to work the loose end into the corresponding colour to prevent it from being visible at the front of the work.

BEGINNING A SEAM



- 1 With the pieces to be joined placed next to each other with right side upwards, thread the tapestry needle and push it through the fabric after the first stitch, moving the needle from front to back. Then, take the needle and push it through after the first stitch on the second piece, moving the needle from the back of the work to the front. The yarn will form a figure 8. Tug gently to secure.

BACK STITCH



- 1 Pin the pieces to be joined, with the right sides together. Thread the loose end of yarn onto a tapestry needle. Start by stitching the two outer edges together, then bring the needle through the two pieces 1cm from back to front ahead of the previous stitch.



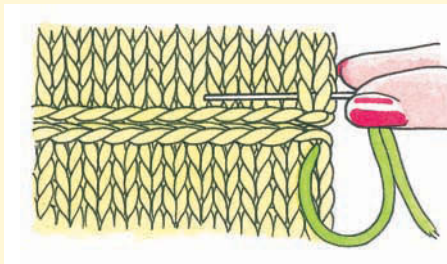
- 2 Push the needle back through at the position where the yarn emerged from the previous stitch. Return it to the front of the work, approx 1cm ahead of the stitch just made. Repeat this until the whole join is complete, working in a straight line.

MATTRESS STITCH

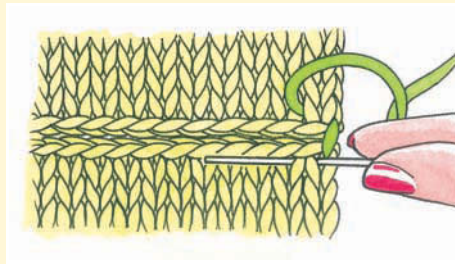


- 1 With the two pieces to be joined lying next to each other, hook the horizontal bar of the first stitch with the tapestry needle. Move to the other piece and hook the first horizontal bar of the stitch on that side. Repeat this moving from one piece to the next and pulling the yarn to tighten the join.

JOIN CAST OFF EDGES



- 1 Lay the two pieces to be joined right side up and with the cast off edges touching. Thread a tapestry needle with the loose yarn and push this through the centre of the first stitch, and then in and out through the centres of two stitches on the opposite side.



- 2 Take the needle over to the first side and insert where it previously exited, bringing it out through the centre of the next stitch. Repeat this process alternating sides and stitching single stitches until the pieces are joined.

HOW TO... STUFF TOYS

Most toy parts need to be stuffed quite firmly so they hold their shape. Add a small amount of safety toy stuffing at a time, pushing it well into the base of the part you are working on. Try to tease each bit of stuffing before inserting it as this makes it more pliable and gives a smoother effect. Stuff matching pieces as equally as possible, checking legs and arms against each other as you work to ensure they match up. Don't be tempted to overstuff as this will make attaching the limbs difficult.

OVER STUFFED



UNDER STUFFED



UNEVEN STUFFING



TOO FULL TO SEW UP



HOT TIP

When stitching facial features onto knitted animals, less is more. Keep eyes, noses and mouths small and in proportion to the toy to avoid it looking scary.

HOW TO... ATTACH LIMBS

Before sewing arms and legs to a toy, check they are evenly stuffed and identical in size and shape. Pin the limbs in position, taking into account whether the toy is designed to be sitting or standing and ensuring they are equal distances apart. Use yarn tails to join pieces together where possible as this provides a firm anchor for sewing up. Using matching yarn (we have used blue for illustrative purposes) and a tapestry needle, sew the limbs onto the body very firmly, taking a stitch on the limb and then a stitch on the body alternately until it is sewn firmly in place.



LOOSELY TACK THE LIMBS IN POSITION



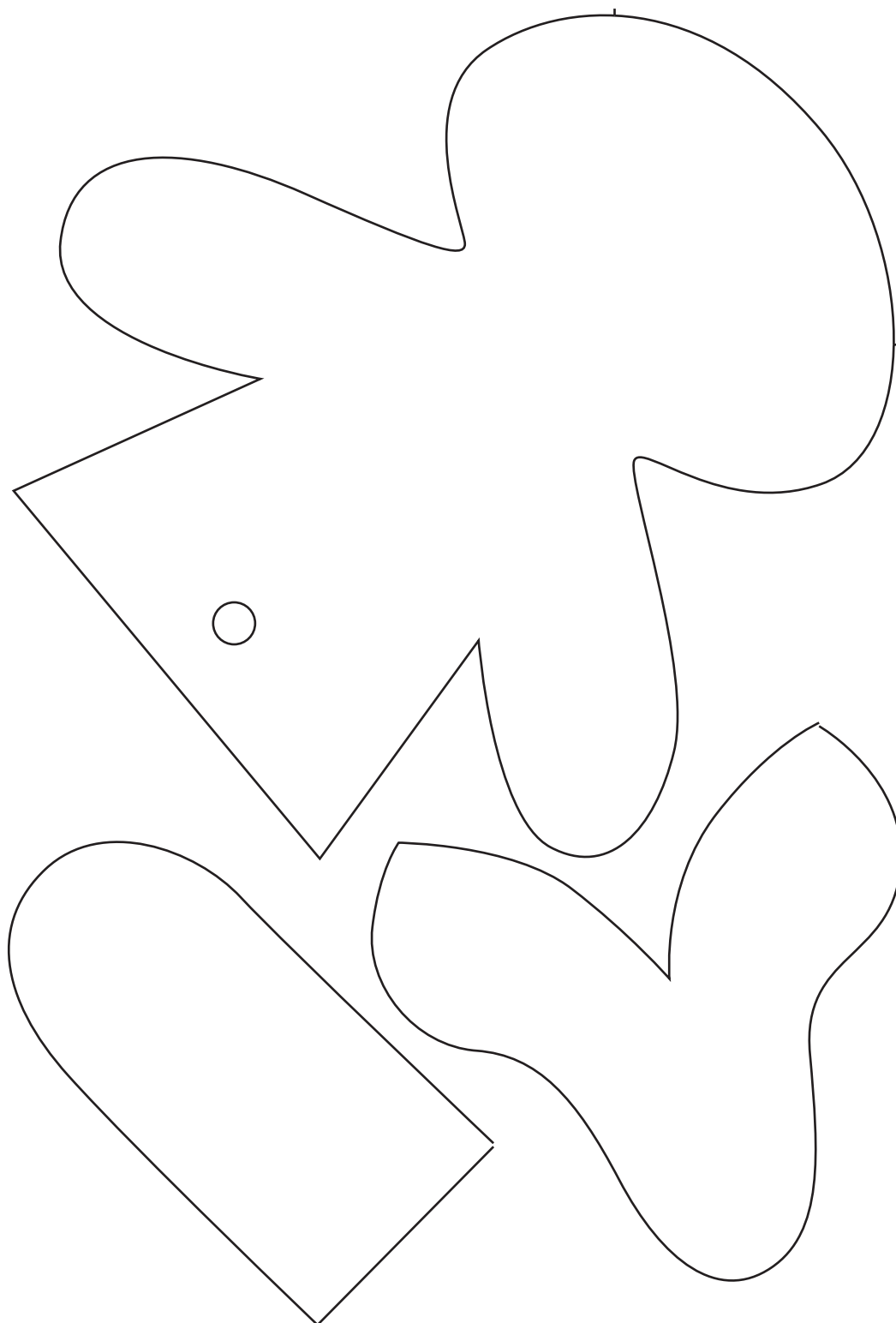
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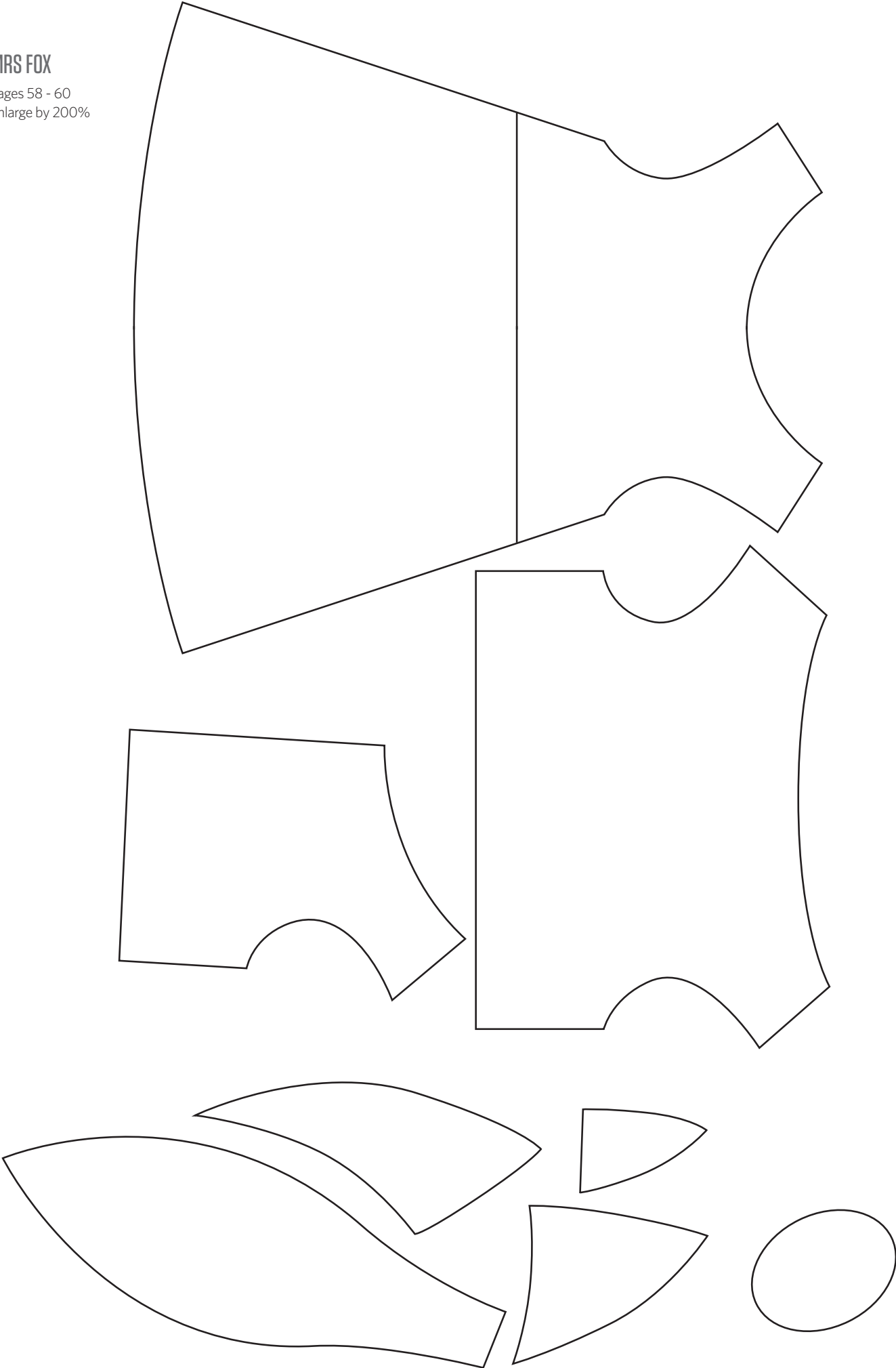
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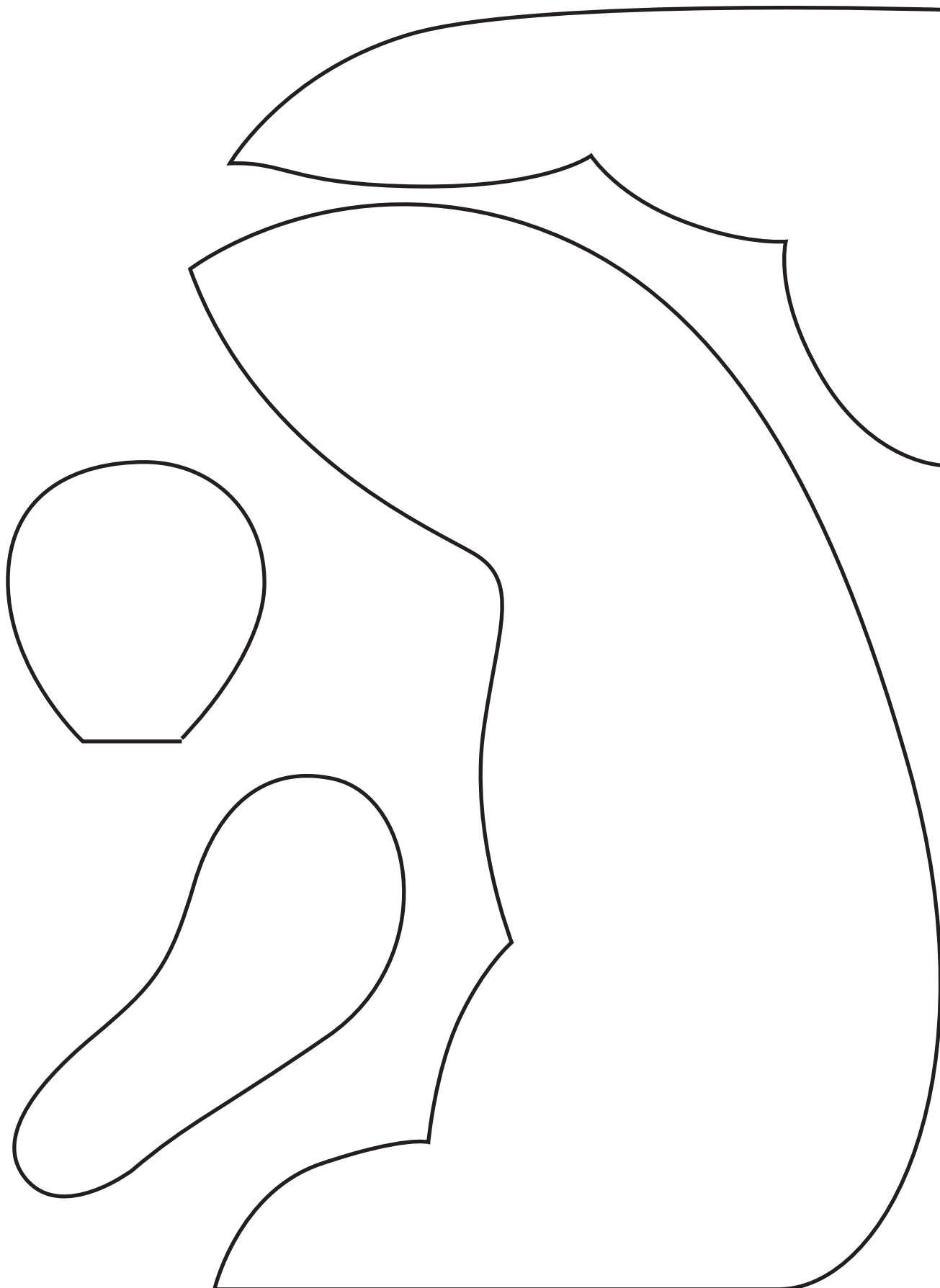
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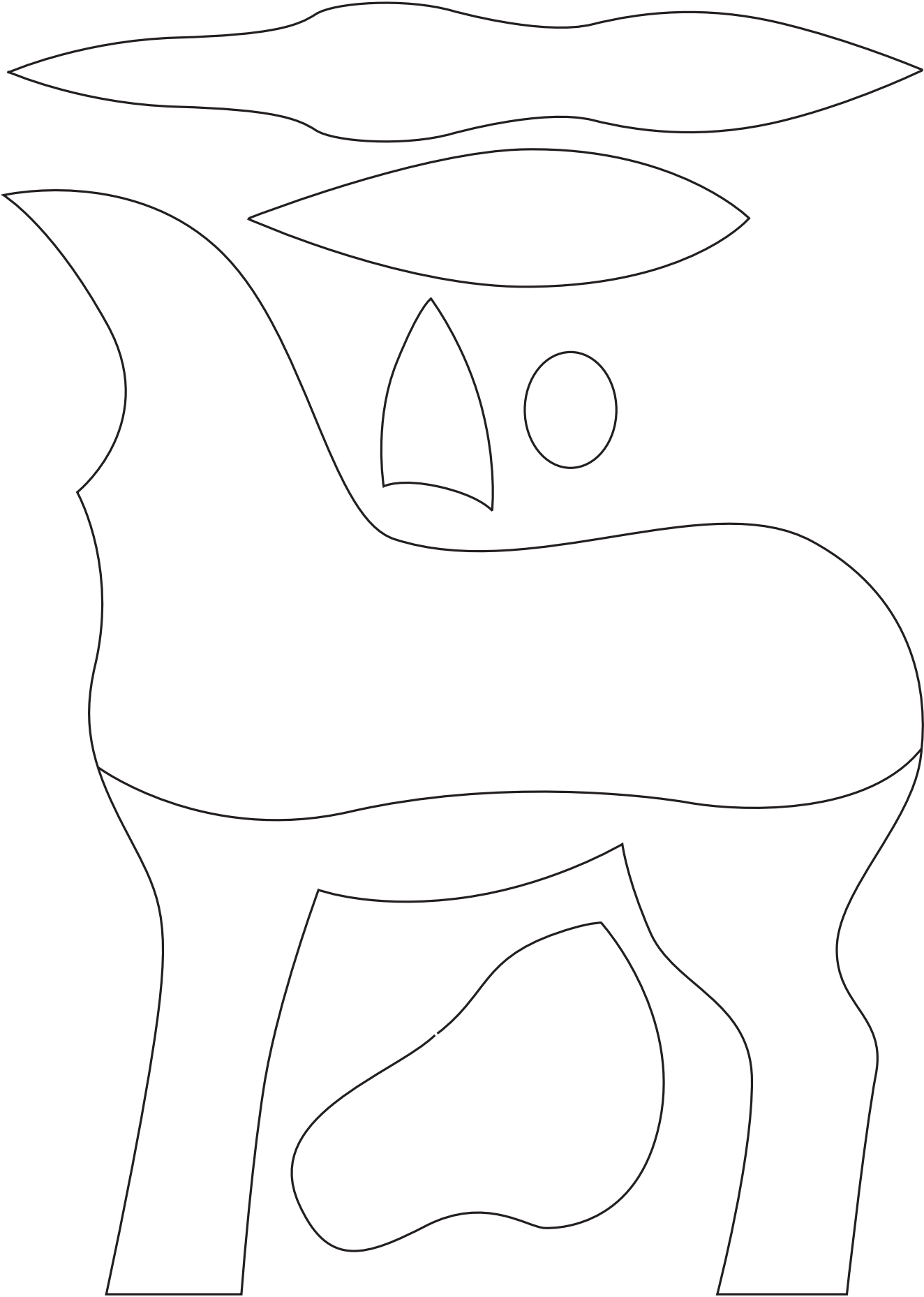
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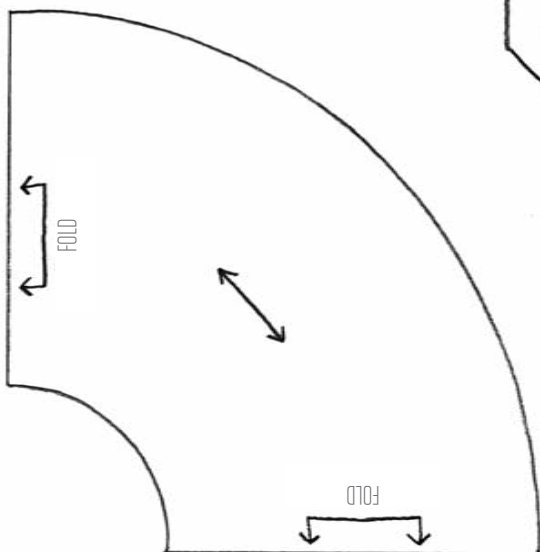
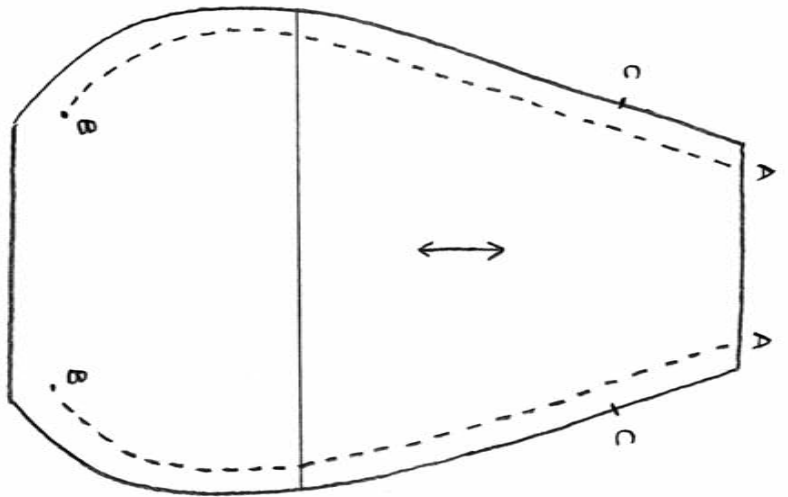
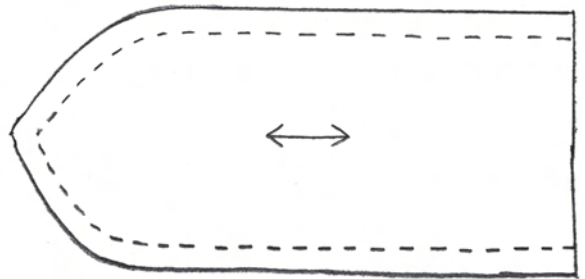
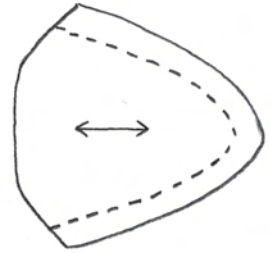
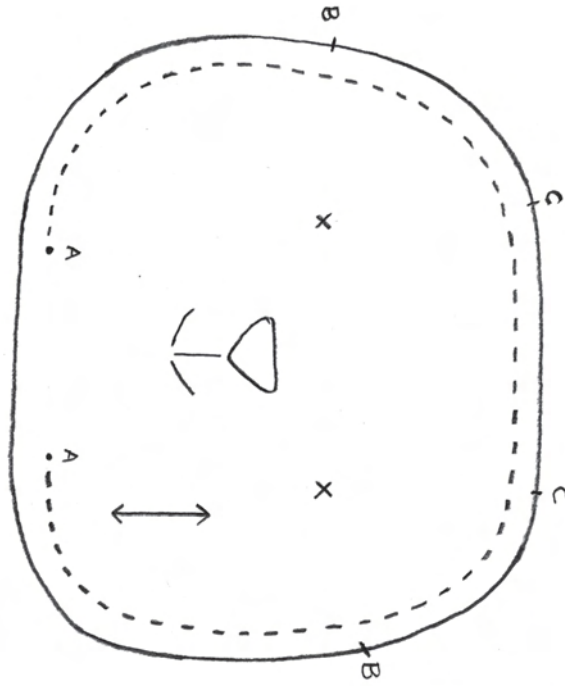
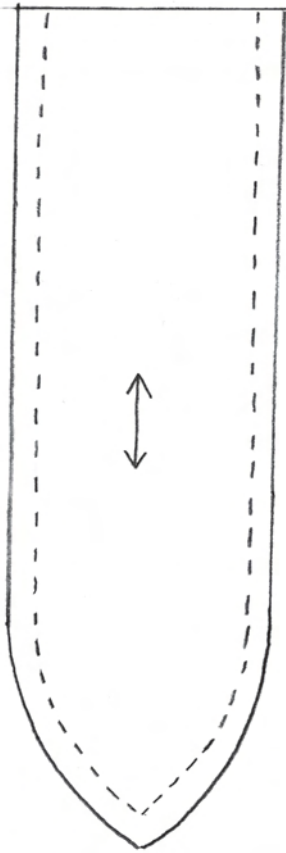
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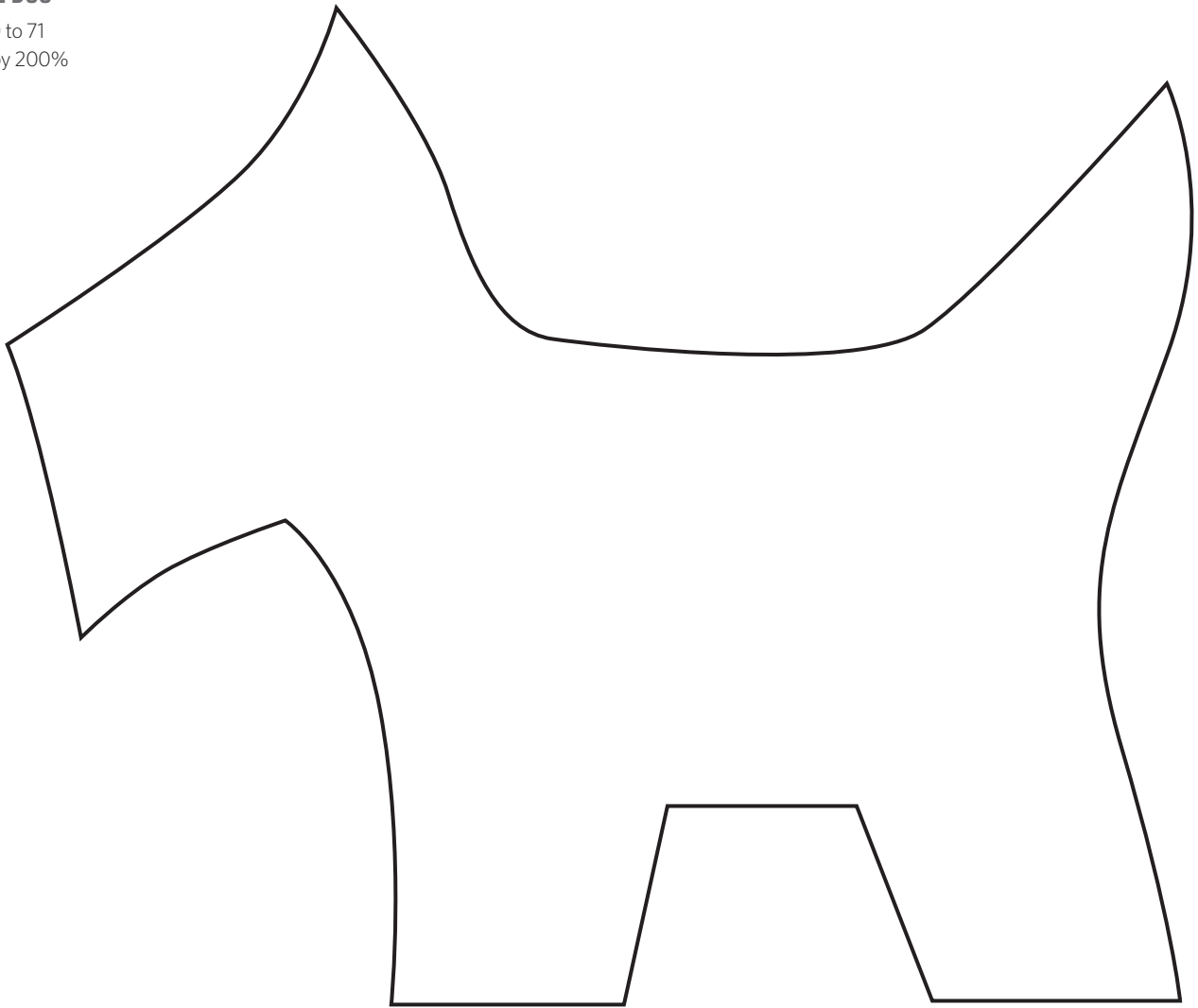
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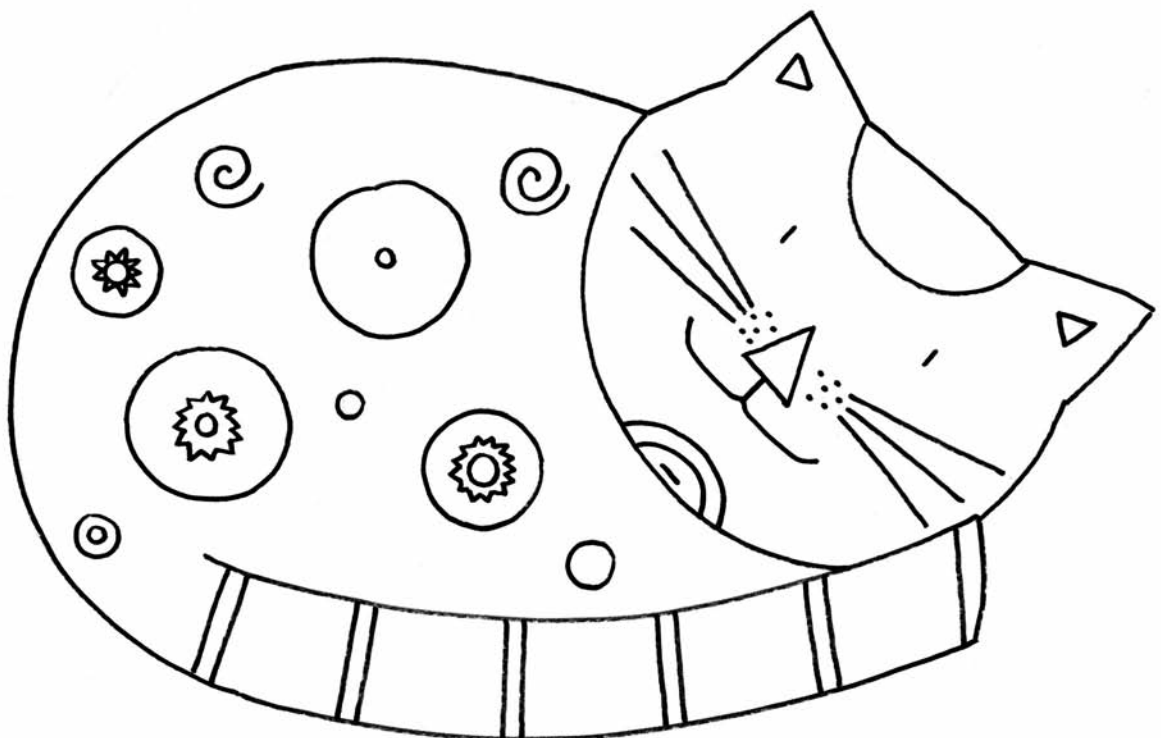
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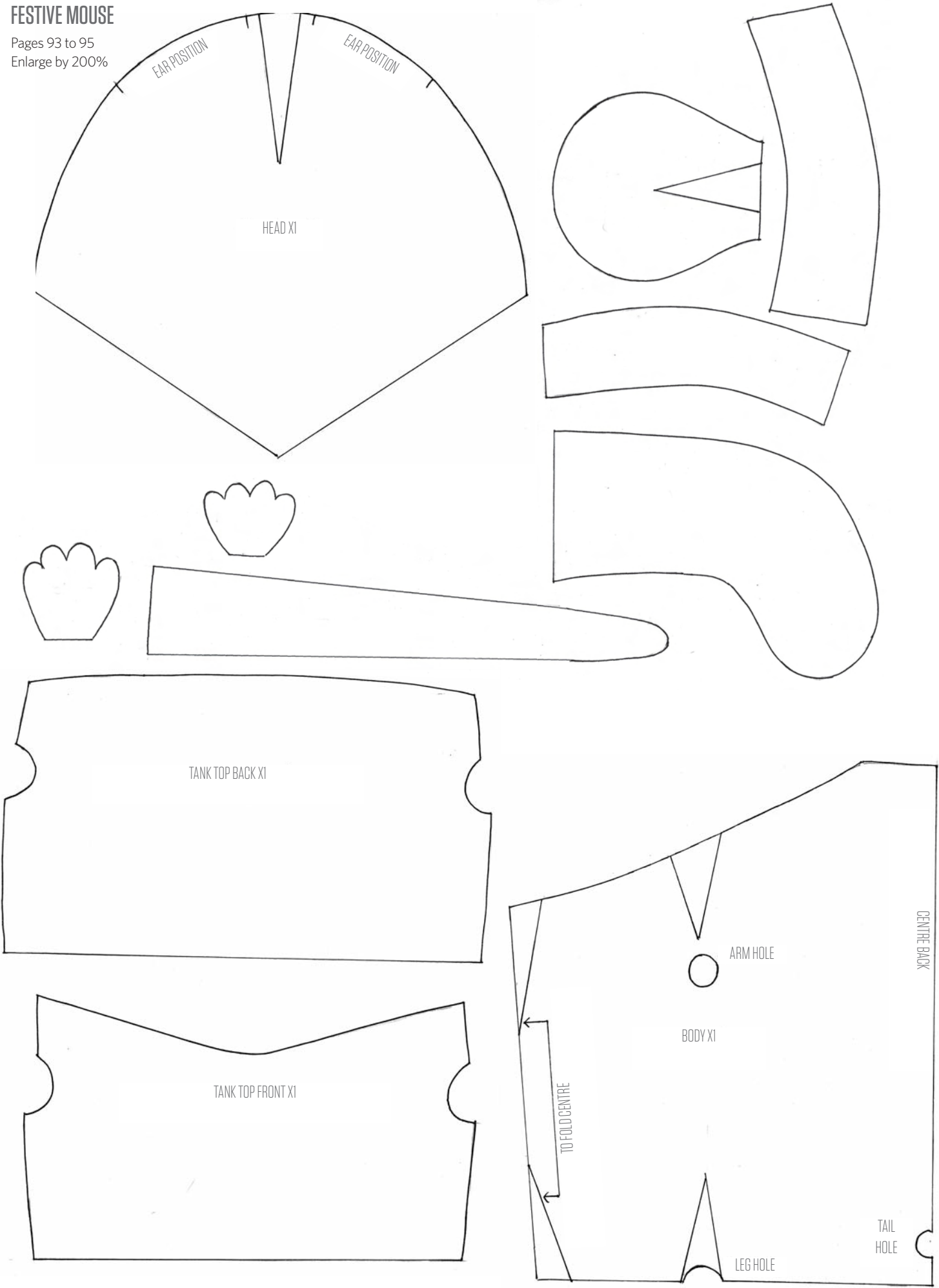
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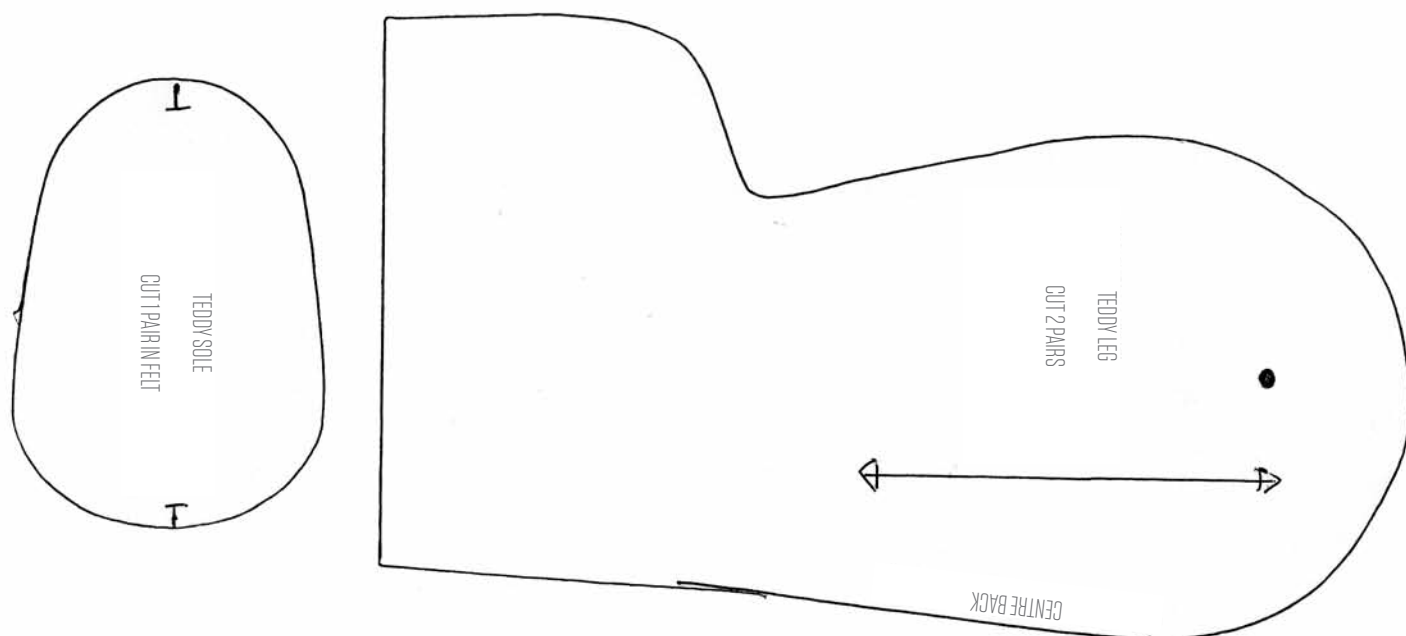
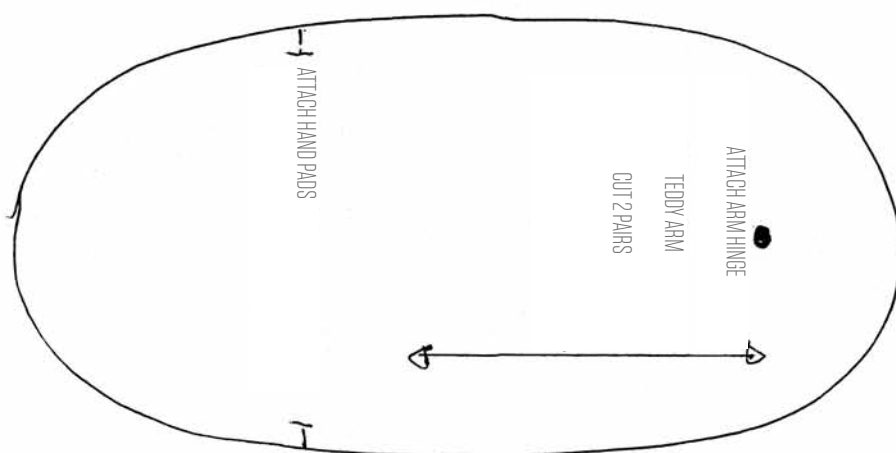
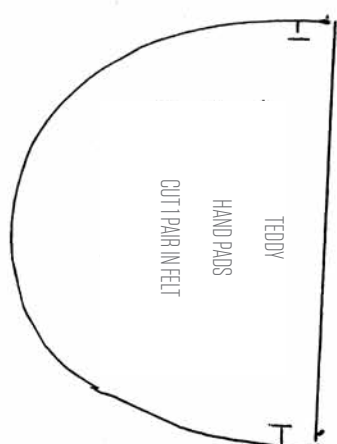
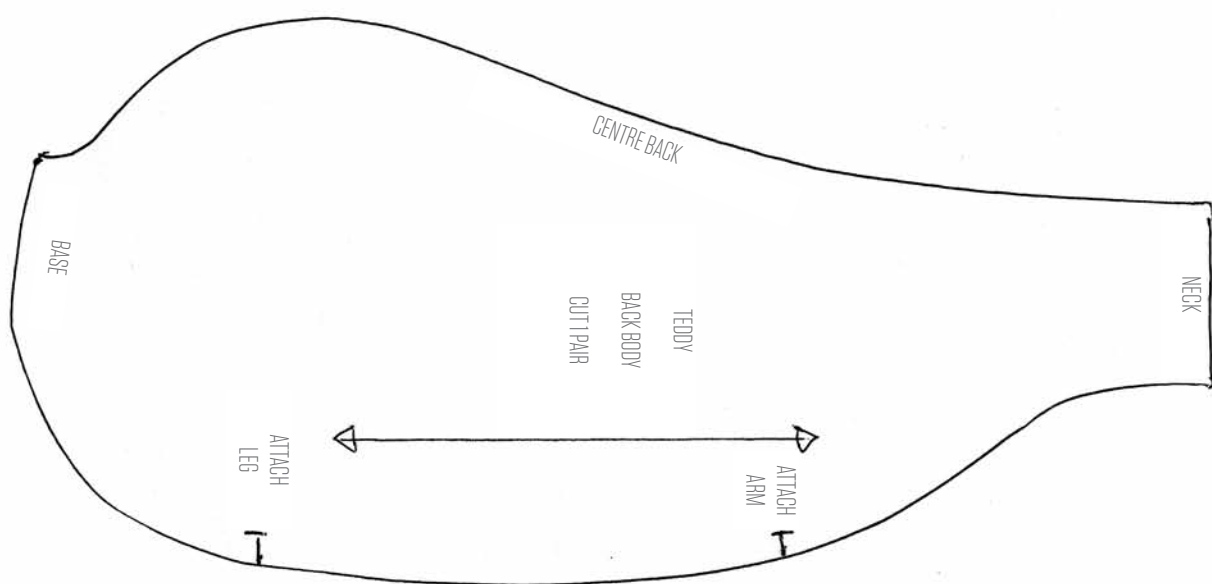
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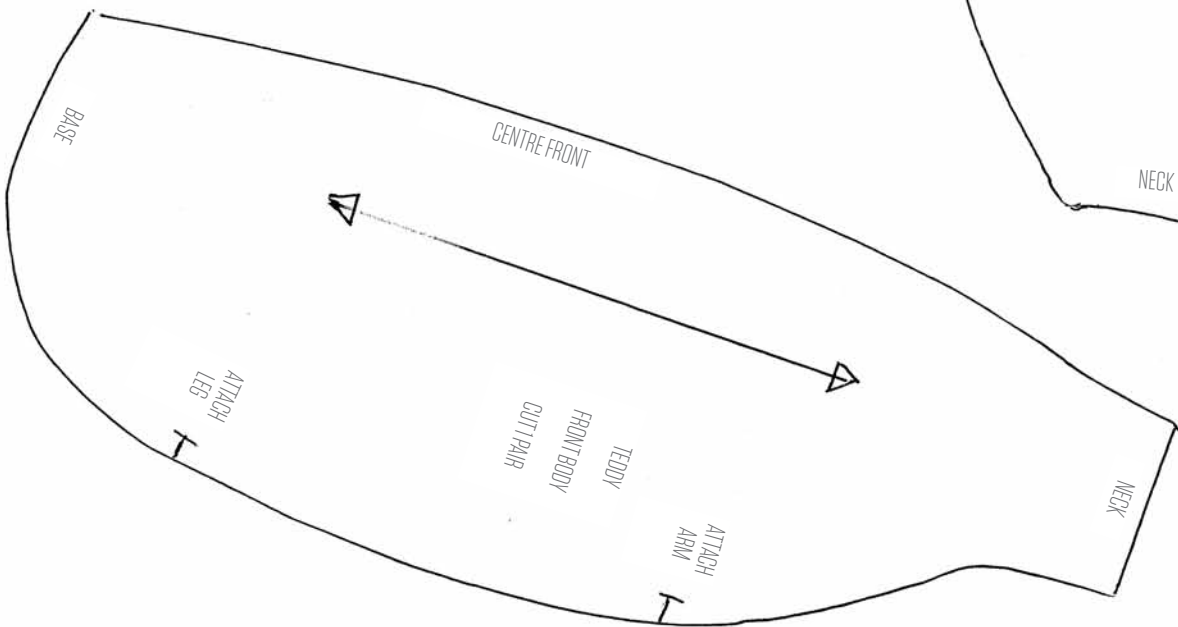
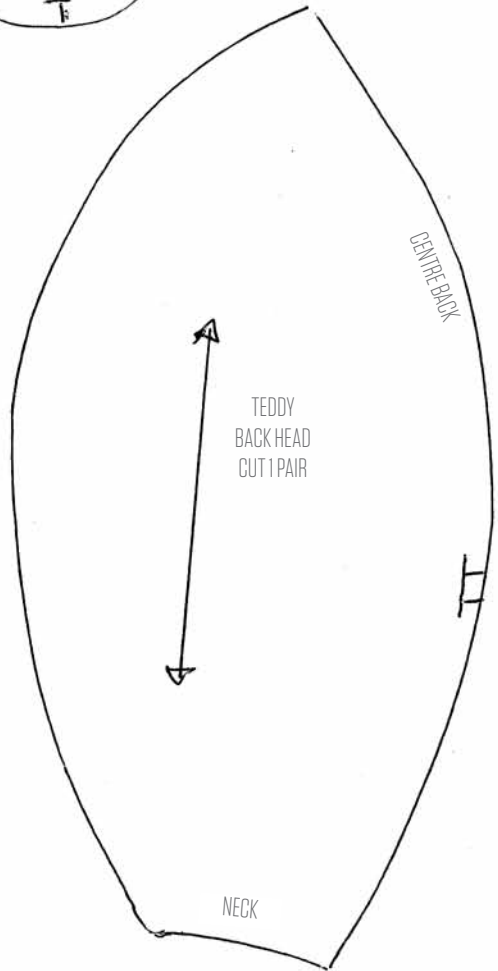
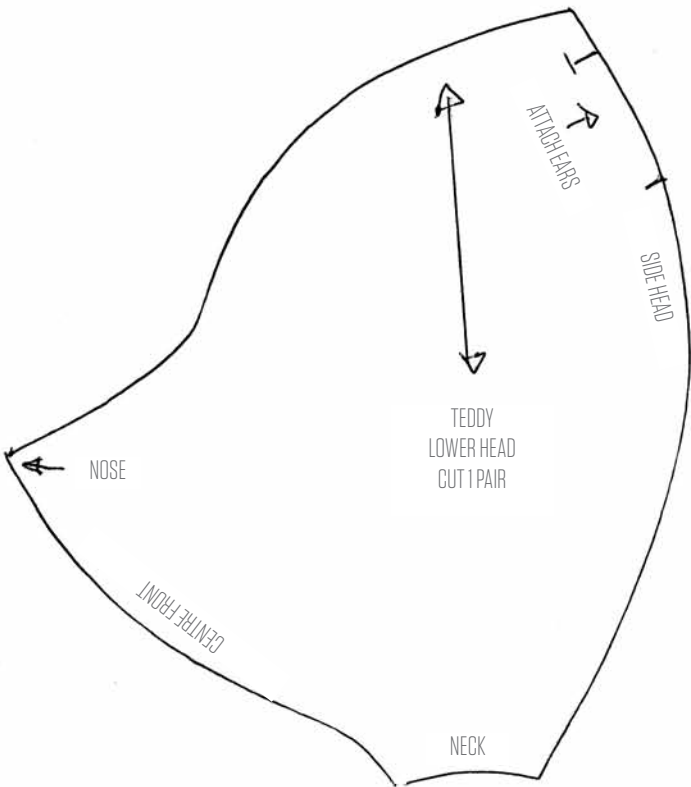
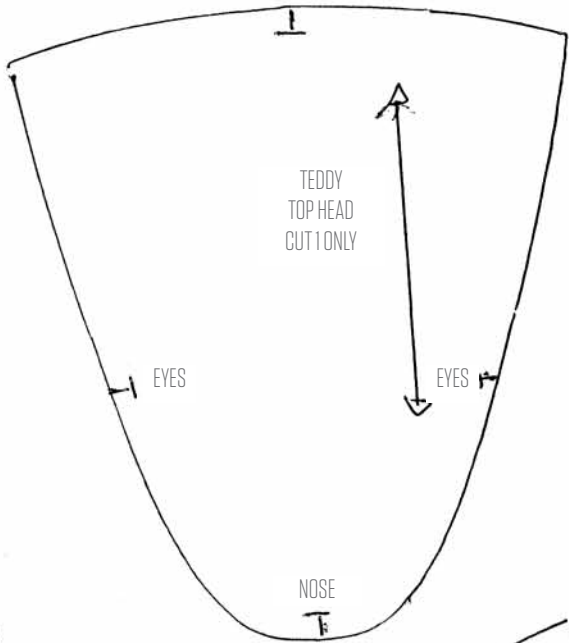
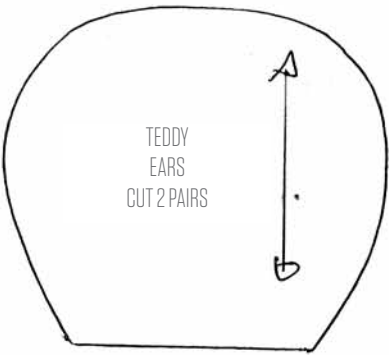
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