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KNIT AN ELEPHANT

What you will need

1 x 50g ball of Double Knitting yarn in grey
 Small amount of Double Knitting yarn in cream
 Knitting needles size 3.75m (UK 9, US 5)
 Two double pointed needles size 3.25m (UK 10, US 4)
 Safety stuffing
 Approx height 16cm (6in)
 Tension: 20 sts x 28 rows measure 10cm (4in)
 Tension is not critical.

Abbreviations:

K = knit. P = purl.
 K2tog = knit 2 stitches together.
 Rep = repeat.
 Skpso = sl 1, k1, pass slipped stitch over.
 St = stitch.

To Work and Icord = cast on required number of stitches. Knit first row, do not turn your work. Bring the yarn from the left hand end of the needle, behind the work, slide your stitches to the right hand end of the needle and then knit the next row. Pull the yarn quite firmly to close the knitting into a tube. The right side of the work will be facing you all the time. If you have problems, YouTube has some good tutorials that will help.

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KNITTING PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

HEAD AND TRUNK

Using 3.75m (UK 9, US 5) needles cast on 8 sts, Purl 1 row.

Next Row: Increase in every stitch to end. 16 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K1, increase in next st, rep from * to end. 24 sts.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K2, increase in next st, rep from * to end. 32 sts.

Next Row: *K2, increase in next st, rep from * to end. 32 sts.

Beginning purl work 7 rows st st.

Next Row: *K3, increase in next st, rep from * to end. 40 sts.

Beginning purl work 3 rows st st.

Shape head and trunk

Next Row: K17, K2tog, K2, skpso, K17.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K16, K2tog, K2, skpso, K16.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K15, K2tog, K2, skpso, K15.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K2tog, K12, K2tog, K2, skpso, K12, K2tog.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K2tog, K10, K2tog, K2, skpso, K10, K2tog.

Next Row: Purl

Cast off 2sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Cast off 4sts at beginning of next 2 rows

Next Row: K2tog at each end of the row.

Next Row: Purl

Work 10 rows in st st.

Next Row: K2tog at each end of the row.

Next Row: Purl

Work 6 rows st st.

Next Row: K2tog at each end of row.

Next Row: Purl

Work 2 rows st st and cast off.

BODY

Using 3.75m (UK 9, US 5) needles and grey cast on 10 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Next Row: Increase in every stitch. 20 sts.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K1, increase in next st, rep from * to end of row. 30 sts.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K2, increase in next st, rep from * to end of row. 40 sts.

Next Row: Purl

Work 6 rows in st st.

Next Row: *K3, increase in next st, rep from * to end of row. 50 sts

Beginning purl, work 9 rows st st.

Next Row: *K3, K2tog, rep from * to end. 40 sts.

Beginning purl work 3 rows st st.

Next Row: *K2, K2tog, rep from * to end. 30 sts.

Beginning purl work 3 rows st st.

Next Row: *K1, K2tog, rep from * to end. 20 sts.

Next Row: Purl.

Next Row: K2tog across row. 10 sts.

Next Row: Purl. Break yarn and run through sts on needle, draw up and fasten off.

LEGS Make 4 alike

Using 3.75m (UK 9, US 5) needles and grey cast on 14 sts.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in first st, knit to last st, increase in last st.

Next Row: Purl

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. 20 sts.

Work 10 rows st st. cast off.

LEG BASE (worked in garter stitch)

Using 3.75m (UK 9, US 5) needles cast on 6 sts. Knit 2 rows.

Next Row: Increase in first and last stitch. 8 sts. Knit 4 rows.

Next Row: K2tog at each end of row. 6 sts. Knit 2 rows and cast off.

EARS Make 2 alike (worked in garter stitch)

Using 3.75m (UK 9, US 5) needles cast on 8 sts. Knit 2 rows.

Now increase 1 st at each end of next and following alt rows until you have 16 sts.

Knit 8 rows.

Now K2tog at each end of next row and following alt rows to 8 sts.

Knit 1 row and cast off.

TUSKS Make 2 alike

Using double pointed needles size 3.25m (UK 10, US 4) and cream yarn cast on 3 sts. Work an I cord approx. 11cm (5 ins) cast off.

TAIL

Using double pointed needles size 3.25m (UK 10, US 4) and grey yarn make an I cord the same as the tusks for approx. 8 cms long. Cast off.



TO ASSEMBLE

Begin with the body

Sew seam and stuff body quite firmly into an egg shape. Seam will run underneath body. Take leg and sew side seam. Take a foot base and sew carefully into base of leg, easing if needed. Repeat with the other three legs.

Stuff the legs. Leaving tops open. Pin to body and sew in place. Remember to get them all level. Sew the seam on the head and trunk, stuff firmly before closing. Push small amounts into the trunk. Remember you need to curve the trunk to give a nice shape, if its stuffed too firmly you wont be able to do this.

Take the tusks and thread them through the head, use a crochet hook to do this, secure with a few stitches on either side. Pin the ears in place on either side of the head. Sew in position. Using black, embroider eyes onto the elephants face. Sew the head firmly on to the body. Curve the trunk inwards towards the body. Sew the tail to the back of the body, add a few strands of yarn at the base.



KNIT AN OX

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Oscar the ox and
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What you will need

- 1 x ball of Stylecraft DK yarn in shade Copper = A
- Oddments of Stylecraft DK Yarn in shades
Cream = B / Beige = C / Black = D
- Small amount of safety stuffing
- Needles size 3.25m (UK 10)
- Needle to sew up pieces and embroider features
- Tension is not critical on this project*

Abbreviations:

- Increase = by knitting twice
into the stitch
- Decrease = by knitting two
stitches together
- Garter stitch = every row knit
- K2tog = knit 2 sts together
- K3tog = knit 3 sts together
- DK = double knitting weight
- St st = stocking stitch
(1 row Knit, 1 row Purl which
is repeated to form the fabric)
- St = stitch



KNITTING PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

LEGS – Work 4 alike

Using 3.25m needles and A cast on 7sts
Next Row: Purl
Next Row: Increase in every st to end. 14 sts
Work 3 rows st st.
Next Row: *K2, inc, rep from * to last 2 sts K2.
Work 11 rows st st
Next Row: *K1, K2tog, repeat from * to end.
Next Row: Purl. Break A. Join in C.
Work 4 rows in st st.
Next Row: *K2, inc, rep from * rep to end.
Next Row: Purl
Cast off.

BASE OF FOOT – make 4 alike

Using 3.25m needles and C cast on 4 sts
Next Row: Knit
Next Row: Increase 1 st at each end of the row.
Next Row: Knit
Work 4 rows garter stitch.
Next Row: Decrease 1 st at each end of the row.
Knit 2 rows.
Cast off.

BODY

Using 3.25mm (UK 10) needles and A cast on 5sts.
Next Row: Purl
Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 10 sts
Next Row: Purl
Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 20 sts
Next Row: Purl
Next Row: *K1, increase in next st, * rep from * to * to end
Next Row: Purl. 30 sts
Next Row: *K2, increase in next st * rep from * to * to end. 40 sts
Work 28 rows in st st.
Next Row: *K2, K2tog * rep from * to * to end.
Next Row: Purl
Next Row: *k1 K2tog *, rep from * to * to end.
Next Row: Purl
Next Row: *K2tog * rep from * to * across row.
Next Row: Purl
Next Row: *K2tog * rep from * to * across row.
Next Row: Purl. Break yarn and thread through rem sts, draw up tight and fasten off.

HEAD

Using 3.25mm (UK 10) needles and A cast on 5sts.
Next Row: Purl
Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 10 sts
Next Row: Purl
Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 20 sts
Next Row: Purl
Next Row: *K1, increase in next st, * rep from * to * to end
Next Row: Purl. 30 sts
Work 16 rows in st st. Join in B
Next Row: * K1, K2tog *, rep from * to * to end.
Work 3 rows st st
Next Row: *K2tog * rep from * to * across row.
Next Row: Purl
Next Row: *K2tog* rep from * to * across row.
Next Row: Purl, break yarn and thread through rem sts, draw up tight and fasten off.

NECK

Using 3.25mm needles and A cast on 30 sts.
Work 4 rows st st
Next Row: *K1, K2tog * rep from * to * to end 20 sts
Work in st st for 5 rows.
Next Row: * K2tog * rep from * to * across the row. 10 sts
Next Row: Purl
Work 2 rows st st.
Next Row: * K2tog * rep from * to * across the row. 5sts.
Next Row: Purl. Break yarn and run through stitches on needles, draw up and fasten off.

EARS. INNER AND OUTER

Outer ear (Make 2 alike)
Using 3.25m needles and A cast on 2sts.
Next Row: Knit.
Next Row: K1, inc in next st. 3st
Next Row: Knit.
Next Row: Increase in first and last stitch. 5sts.
Next Row: Knit
Next Row: Increase in first and last st. 7sts.
Work 6 rows garter stitch
Next Row: K2tog at each end of row.
Next Row: Knit.

Repeat last 2 rows once more. 3sts.
Next Row: K2tog ,K1.
Next Row: K2tog and fasten off.

Inner ear (Make 2 alike)

Using 3.25m needles and B cast on 2sts.
Next Row: Knit.
Next Row: K1, inc in next st. 3st
Next Row: Knit.
Next Row: Increase in first and last stitch. 5sts.
Next Row: Knit
Work 4 rows garter stitch
Next Row: K2tog at each end of row.
Next Row: Knit.
Next Row: K2tog ,K1.
Next Row: K2tog and fasten off.

HORNS – worked in one piece.

Using 3.25m needles and B cast on 2sts.
Next Row: Increase in first st, K1. 3sts
Next Row: Purl.
Next Row: Increase in first and last st. 5sts.
Next Row: Purl
Repeat last 2 rows twice more. 9 sts
Work 24 rows in st st.
Next Row: K2tog at each end.
Next Row: Purl.
Repeat last 2 rows until you have 3 sts left.
Next Row: K2tog, K1.
Next Row: K2tog and fasten off

TAIL

Using 3.25m needles and A cast on 22 sts
Work 10 rows in st st and cast off.

TO ASSEMBLE

Begin with the head

Sew the seam of the head, stuff quite firmly before finally closing. Seam runs on the underside of the head. Take the ears, sew together in pairs. Place a cream ear inside a copper ear. Sew the cream ear neatly to the inside of the copper ear. Repeat with the second ear. Sew the ears to each side of the head, pleating the base together a little to give shape. Roll the horns into an oblong, with points at either end and a wider section in the centre. Using a large crochet hook, thread the horns through the top of the head. Get them even on each side, curl the horns upwards on each side. Take a few strands of copper yarn and sew between the horns to form the forelock. Take some black yarn and embroider eyes and nostrils onto the head.

Body

Sew the seam of the body, stuffing before the final closing. The seam of the body will run on the underneath. Take the legs and sew the seams on each one. Leave the bottom of the hoof open. Stuff each leg quite firmly. The seam will run down the back of each leg. Sew a bottom of hoof to each leg, add a little more stuffing if needed. Try to get the legs to look similar. Now sew the legs to the body. Pin them in place first to get them level. Sew the legs in place. Take the neck piece and sew the side seam. Add some stuffing to the neck, not too much as extra can be added when sewing to the body. Place the neck onto one end of the body, stretching slightly over the body to fit firmly, add extra stuffing if needed. Take the head and place onto the neck. Make sure that it is far enough back not to cause the ox to be top heavy. Roll the tail into a neat cylinder shape. Add a few strands of cream yarn to the base of the tail as a fringe. Sew tail to back of ox.





CROCHET A CAMEL

**Crochet your very own
Clarence the camel
and help working
animals abroad**

What you will need

1 x 50grm ball Beige Crochet Cotton
number 3 (or 4ply yarn)

Oddments of blue, green, black and red

Crochet Cotton number 3 (or 4ply yarn)

Crochet hook 3.00mm. Stuffing.

Tension is not critical on this design

Abbreviations

Dc = double crochet

Sl st = slip stitch.

Dc2tog = work 2 dc together as follows: 1ch, hook into next dc, draw loop through, hook into next dc, draw loop through, 3 loops are now on hook, yarn round hook and draw through all 3 loops. (1 dc now decreased)

Dc3tog = work 3dc together as follows:
1ch, hook into next dc, draw loop through,
hook into next dc, draw loop through,
hook into next dc, draw loop through,
4 loops are now on hook, yarn
round hook and draw through all
4 loops. (dc now decreased)

Inc = increase 1 st as follows:
work 2 dc into the same dc or stitch.

Dec = decrease. Follow abbreviations above for
the specific decrease stated in the pattern, ie Dc2tog or Dc3tog.



CROCHET PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Remember to stuff the body and head pieces as you make them.

BODY

You will begin at the base of the body.

Using Beige and size 3.00mm hook make 2ch, work 6dc into 2nd ch from hook. Join into a circle with a sl st.

Next Round: work 2dc into each dc to end, join with s sl st. 12dc

Next Round: * 1dc into next dc, 2dc into next dc * repeat to end, join as before. 18dc

Next Round: * 1dc into each of next 2 dc, 2dc into next dc * repeat to end, join as before. 24dc

Next Round: * 1dc into each of next 3 dc, 2dc into next dc * repeat to end, join as before. 30dc

Next Round: * 1dc into each of next 4 dc, 2dc into next dc * repeat to end, join as before. 36 dc

Next Round: * 1dc into each of next 5 dc, 2dc into next dc * repeat to end, join as before. 42 dc

Next Round: 1dc into each of next 6 dc, 2dc into next dc * repeat to end, join as before. 48 dc
Work 4 rounds in dc, joining as before.

Next Round: * 1dc into each of next 6 dc, dc 2tog * repeat from * to * to end, join as before. 42 dc.

Work 2 rounds in dc, joining as before. Break beige yarn. Join in blue yarn.

Next Round: *1dc into each of next 4 dc, dc 2tog * repeat from * to * to end, join as before. 35dc
Work 2 rounds in dc. Break blue yarn and join in green

Next Round: *1dc into each of next 5 dc, dc 2tog * repeat from * to * to end, join as before. 30 dc

Next Round: * 1dc into each of next 3dc, dc2tog * repeat from * to * to end. Join as before. 24dc.

Next Round: * 1dc into each next dc, dc2tog * rep from * to * to end, join as before. 16 dc

Next Round: * dc 2tog * rep from * to * all around. 8 dc.

Next Round: * dc 2tog *, 4times. 4dc. Fasten off.

HEAD

Using Beige and 3.00mm hook make 2ch, work 8dc into 2nd ch from hook, join with a sl st into a circle.

Next Round: 1ch, work 2dc into each dc to end, join with a sl st to beg of round. 16 dc.

Next Round: 1ch, *1dc into each of next 3dc, 2dc into next dc *, rep from * to * all around, join as before. 20 dc.

Work a further 8 rounds of dc, joining each round as before.

Next Round: 1ch, * 1dc into each of next 4 dc, 2dc into next dc * rep from * to * all around. 24 dc.
Work 4 rounds in dc, joining as before.

Next Round: 1ch, * 1dc into each of next 5 dc, 2dc into next dc * rep from * to * all around. 28 dc.

Work 3 rounds in dc, joining as before.

Next Round: 1ch, * 1dc into each of next 2dc, dc2tog * rep from * to * to end, join as before. 21 dc

Next Round: 1ch, * 1dc into next dc, dc2tog * rep from * to * to end, join as before. 14 dc.

Next Round: 1ch, * dc2tog * rep from * to * all around join as before. 7 dc.

Break yarn and fasten off leaving a 5cm tail. Thread tail into needle and then run thread through last round of stitches, draw up and fasten off.

EARS – Make 2

Using Beige and 3.00mm hook make 2 ch.

Work 6 dc into 2nd ch from hook. Turn

Next Row: work 1dc into each dc to end. Turn.

Repeat last row one more time and fasten off.

NECK

Using 3.00mm hook and Beige make 20 ch, join into a circle with a sl st.

Round 1: work 1dc into each ch to end, join with a sl st.

Work a further 10 rounds of dc, joining each round as before.

Next Round: *1dc into each of next 2 dc, dc2tog * , rep to end , join as before. 15dc.

Work 2 rounds in dc, joining as before.

Next Round: * 1dc into next dc, dc2tog * , rep from * to * to end, join as before. 10 dc.

Work 2 rounds in dc, joining as before.

Next Round: * dc2tog * rep from * to * all around, join as before. 5dc. Break yarn and fasten off.

Using the tail of yarn close the small hole at the end of the neck.

LEGS – Make 4

Using 3.00mm hook and Beige make 16 ch, Join into a circle with a sl st.

Work 1dc into each ch to end, join with a sl st. 16 dc.

Next Round: 1 dc into each dc to end, join with a sl st.

Work a further 16 rows.

Next Round: * 1dc into each of next 3dc, 2dc into next dc * rep from * to * 3 times more. 20 dc.

Work 2 rounds dc on these sts.

Now decrease for base.

Next Round: * dc 2, dc 2tog, * rep from * to * 4 more times. 15 dc

Next Round: * dc 1, dc2tog * rep from * to * 4 more times. 10 dc.

Next Round: work in dc,

Next Round: *Dc2tog* rep from * to * all around. 5dc. Fasten off.

Run thread neatly through last round and draw up to close base.

FRINGE FOR CAMELS BACK

Using 3.0mm hook and red make 39 ch.

Work 1dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1dc into each ch to end. 38 dc Turn.

Next Row: 1dc into first dc, * 1dc into next dc, 8ch, sl st into same dc, 1dc into next dc , * rep from * to * to end. Fasten off.

HALTER AND LEAD REIN

Using 3.00mm hook and red yarn make a chain long enough to fit around the camel's nose and then around back

of head. Use photo as a guide to help when sewing in place. Make a longer chain for the lead rein.

TAIL

Using 3.00mm hook and beige yarn double, make a chain about 5cm long, fasten off. Take a few lengths of beige and add to one end of the chain for the camels tail.



HINTS & TIPS

The pieces are mainly worked in rounds and joined with a slip stitch at the end of each round unless otherwise stated in the instructions.

With the technique used in making the camel most of the pieces are joined into a circle as they are worked, therefore very little sewing up is required when assembling the project. Each piece is stuffed as it is worked, adding tiny bits of stuffing as you proceed. Final stuffing can be done before closing the piece if needed, using the blunt end of your hook to shape as you do.

TO ASSEMBLE

Take the head first. The widest part is the back of the head. Take the ears and curl them into semi circles, sew one to each side of the head. Using black yarn embroider an eye onto each side, use photograph as a guide. Embroider nostrils onto the camel's nose. Take the red chain halter and sew in place on the head. Attach a small tassel under the chin. The tassel is made by winding a fw lengths of yarn together and knotting them. Add the lead rein to the sides of the head.

The body and head will already be stuffed. Stuff each leg firmly, but don't close the tops. Stuff the neck quite firmly, again do not close the top. This is the part of the neck that you will sew the head onto. Take the fringe and join into a circle, place the circle on the camels hump, sew in place.

Take the body and pin the legs in place onto the base. Angle them outwards slightly to make the camel stand well. Get the legs all level if you can. Sew each one in place. Take the neck and sew the head to the open end, the head should sit onto the neck. Sew in place. Carefully pin the neck onto the front of the body, sew firmly in place. Attach the tail to the back of the camel.



KNIT A DONKEY

What you will need

1 x 50gm ball Grey DK

Oddment of black and cream and pink DK

Small amounts of yellow, light brown and beige (4ply)

Needles size 3.25mm (UK10)

Stuffing. Sewing needle

Approx height 15cm

Tension is not critical on this design

Abbreviations:

Increase = by knitting twice into the stitch

Decrease = by knitting two stitches together

Garner stitch = every row knit

K2tog = knit 2 sts together

K3tog = knit 3 sts together

DK = double knitting weight

St st = stocking stitch
(1 row knit, 1 row purl which is repeated to form the fabric)

St = stitch

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KNITTING PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

HEAD

Using Grey DK and 3.25mm (UK 10) needles cast on 5sts.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 10 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 20 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K1, increase in next st, * rep from * to * to end

Next Row: Purl. 30 sts. Work 18 rows in st st

Next Row: * K1, K2tog *, rep from * to * to end

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K2tog * rep from * to * across row

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K2tog* rep from * to * across row

Next Row: Purl, break yarn and thread through rem sts, draw up tight and fasten off

MUZZEL

Using Cream DK and 3.25mm (UK 10) needles cast on 5sts.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Knit, increasing in each st to end 10 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Knit, increasing in each st to end 20 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K1, increase in next st, * rep from * to * to end

Next Row: Purl. 30 sts

Work 4 rows in st st and cast off

BODY

Using Grey DK and 3.25mm (UK 10) needles cast on 5sts.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 10 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 20 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K1, increase in next st, * rep from * to * to end

Next Row: Purl. 30 sts

Next Row: *K2, increase in next st * rep from * to * to end. 40 sts

Work 24 rows in st st

Next Row: * K2, K2tog * rep from * to * to end

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: * K1 K2tog *, rep from * to * to end

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K2tog * rep from * to * across row

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K2tog * rep from * to * across row

Next Row: Purl. Break yarn and thread through rem sts, draw up tight and fasten off

LEGS – Work 4 alike.

Using Grey DK and 3.25mm (UK 10) needles cast on 5sts.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 10 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 20 sts

Next Row: Purl

Work 8 more rows in st st

Next Row: * K2, K2tog * rep from * to * across row. 15 sts

Beginning purl work 5 rows st st,

Break Grey DK and join in Black DK

Work 6 rows in st st and cast off

BOTTOM OF HOOVES

Make 4. Worked all in garter stitch.

Using 3.25mm needles and Black DK cast on 4 sts, knit 2 rows

Next Row: Increase 1 st at each end of next and following alternate row. 8 sts

Next Row: Knit 1 row

Decrease 1 st at each end of next and following alternate rows to 4 sts

Knit 1 row

Cast off

EARS. INNER AND OUTER

Outer ear - Make 2.

Using 3.25mm needles and Grey DK cast on 9 sts, Work 10 rows in st st.

Next Row: K2tog at each end of the row

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K2tog at each end of the row

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K2tog at each end of the row

Next Row: p3tog, fasten off

Inner ear - Make 2

Using 3.25mm needles and Pink DK cast on 5 sts. Work 6 rows in st st.

Next Row: K2tog at each end of row

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K2tog, K1, K2tog

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K3tog, fasten off

WATER CANS – Make 2

Using Yellow 4ply yarn and 3.25mm (UK10) needles cast on 11 sts. Work 4 rows garter stitch. Change to st st and work 8 rows.

Knit 2 rows garter stitch.

Next Row: Cast on 8 sts, knit across 11 sts on needle

Next Row: Cast on 19 sts purl across sts on needle

Work 18 rows st st on these stitches

Next Row: Cast off 8sts, knit to end

Next Row: Cast off 19 sts, knit to end

Knit 2 row garter stitch

Work 8 rows in st st

Work 2 rows garter stitch. Cast off

BODY STRAP

Using 3.25mm (UK 10) needles and Light brown 4ply cast on 5 sts. Work in garter stitch until the strip fits over the donkeys back. Starting and ending about half way round.
(You will sew the water cans to this strip.)

TAIL

Using Grey DK make a small plait about 5cms long. Take a few strands of blank yarn and form into a fringed tail by threading the yarn through one end of the plait.

ROPE

Using Beige 4ply make a plait long enough to fit around the donkeys nose, then some extra to make a lead rein.



TO ASSEMBLE

Begin with the head. Sew the seam of the head, stuff quite firmly before finally closing. Seam runs on the underside of the head. **Take the muzzle** and sew the side seam. Slip the muzzle onto one end of the head, this will now be the nose. Sew neatly onto the head. **Take the ears**, sew together in pairs. Place a pink ear inside a grey ear, wrong sides facing. The grey ear will fold inwards slightly, sew the pink ear neatly to the sides of the grey ear. Repeat with the second ear. Sew the ears to the head, angle them slightly outwards. Take some black yarn and thread it into a blunt ended needle. Secure the yarn to the centre of the head between the ears, wind the yarn a couple of times around the index finger, then sew the resulting loops to the head. Continue making loops and sewing to the back of the head of the donkey in the same way to form the mane.

This takes a little time and patience. Embroider the eyes and nostrils and mouth onto the head. Use the picture as a guide to help you.

Body. Sew the seam of the body, stuffing before the final closing. The seam of the body will run on the underneath. **Take the legs** and sew the seams on each one. Leave the bottom of the hoof open. Stuff each leg quite firmly. The seam will run down the back of each leg. Sew a bottom of hoof to each leg, add a little more stuffing if needed. Try to get the legs to look similar. Now sew the legs to the body. Pin them in place first to get them level. Sew the legs in place. **Take the tail** and sew to one end of the body. Sew the head onto the body.

This is quite tricky so take your time.

Water Cans. Sew the two long sides of the can together. Now sew the top edges to the main piece, this will begin to form an oblong shape. Stuff the can, now fold over the final flap and sew in place. Repeat with the other can. You can oversew tiny seams on each of the sides to accentuate the oblong shape if desired.

Sew the strap in place over the donkeys back, now attach a water can on each side of the strap. **Finally** take the rope and wind around the donkeys muzzle, secure underneath the chin, leave the rest of the rope loose.



KNIT A HORSE

Knit your very own Hattie the horse and help working animals abroad

What you will need

1 x 50gm ball Light Brown DK
 Oddment of black and cream and Dark brown DK
 Needles size 3.25mm (UK 10)
 Stuffing
 Sewing needle
 Approx height 15cm
Tension is not critical on this design

Abbreviations:

Increase = by knitting twice into the stitch
 Decrease = by knitting two stitches together
 Garter stitch = every row knit
 K2tog = knit 2 sts together
 K3tog = knit 3 sts together
 DK = double knitting weight
 St st = stocking stitch
 (1 row knit, 1 row Purl which is repeated to form the fabric)
 St = stitch



KNITTING PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

HEAD

Using Light Brown DK and 3.25mm (UK 10) needles cast on 5sts.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 10 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 20 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K1, increase in next st, * rep from * to * to end

Next Row: Purl. 30 sts

Work 18 rows in st st.

Next Row: * K1, K2tog *, rep from * to * to end.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K2tog * rep from * to * across row.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K2tog* rep from * to * across row.

Next Row: Purl, break yarn and thread through rem sts, draw up tight and fasten off.

FOREHEAD BLAZE

Using 3.25mm needles and Cream DK cast on 1st

Next Row: Purl the stitch

Next Row: Increase in the stitch. 2sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each of next 2 sts. 4sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K1, increase in next st, K2. 5 sts

Beginning Purl work 3 rows in st st

Next Row: K2tog at each end of row. 3sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K3tog and fasten off. This is the top of the blaze

BODY

Using Light Brown DK and 3.25mm (UK 10) needles cast on 5sts.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 10 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 20 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K1, increase in next st, * rep from * to * to end

Next Row: Purl. 30 sts

Next Row: *K2, increase in next st * rep from * to * to end. 40 sts

Work 24 rows in st st

Next Row: * K2, K2tog * rep from * to * to end

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: * K1 K2tog *, rep from * to * to end

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K2tog * rep from * to * across row

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: *K2tog * rep from * to * across row

Next Row: Purl. Break yarn and thread through rem sts, draw up tight and fasten off

LEGS – Work 4 alike

Using Light Brown DK and 3.25mm (UK 10) needles cast on 5sts.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 10 sts

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: Increase in each st to end. 20 sts

Next Row: Purl

Work 12 more rows in st st

Next Row: *K2, K2tog * rep from * to * across row. 15 sts

Beginning Purl work 5 rows st st, Break Light Brown DK and join in Black DK.

Work 6 rows in st st and cast off.

Note if you wish to give the horse a white sock then work the 5 rows after the decrease in cream.

BOTTOM OF HOOVES

Make 4. Worked all in garter stitch.

Using 3.25mm needles and Black DK cast on 4 sts, knit 2 rows

Next Row: Increase 1 st at each end of next and following alternate row. 8 sts.

Next Row: Knit 1 row

Decrease 1 st at each end of next and following alternate rows to 4 sts

Knit 1 row

Cast off

EARS. INNER AND OUTER

Outer ear - Make 2

Using 3.25mm needles and Light Brown DK cast on 9 sts. Work 6 rows in st st.

Next Row: K2tog at each end of the row

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K2tog at each end of the row

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K2tog at each end of the row

Next Row: p3tog, fasten off

Inner ear - Make 2

Using 3.25mm needles and Cream DK cast on 5 sts. Work 4 rows in st st.

Next Row: K2tog at each end of row.

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K2tog, K1, K2tog,

Next Row: Purl

Next Row: K3tog, fasten off.

HORSE'S NECK

Using 3.25mm needles and Light Brown DK cast on 30 sts. Work 6 rows st st.

Next Row: *K1, K2tog * rep from * to * to end 20 sts. Work in st st for 7 rows.

Next Row: *K2tog * rep from * to * across the row. 10 sts

Next Row: Purl

Work 2 rows st st

Next Row: *K2tog * rep from * to * across the row . 5sts

Next Row: Purl. Break yarn and run through stitches on needles, draw up and fasten off

SADDLE

Using 3.25mm needles (UK 10) and Dark Brown DK Cast 5sts

Work 2 rows in garter stitch

Now Increase 1 st each end of next

and following alternate rows until

you have 15 sts. Work 26 rows

in garter stitch.

Now decrease 1 st

at each end of next

and following alternate

rows until you have 5 sts.

Work 2 rows garter stitch

and cast off.

GIRTH STRAP

Using 3.25mm needles (UK 10) and Dark Brown DK cast on 4 sts.

Knit 30 rows in garter stitch.

Cast off.



TO ASSEMBLE

Begin with the head. Sew the seam of the head, stuff quite firmly before finally closing. Seam runs on the underside of the head. Take the forehead blaze and stitch in place carefully. Take the ears, sew together in pairs. Place a cream ear inside a Light brown ear, wrong sides facing. The light brown ear will fold inwards slightly, sew the cream ear neatly to the sides of the light brown ear. Repeat with the second ear. Sew the ears to the head. Take some black yarn and embroider eyes and nostrils onto head Take some short strands of dark brown yarn and tie tightly in the centre of the strands to form a bunch. Sew the bunch to the back of the horses head. Make further small bunches and continue to sew to the back of the head until a neat main is formed. Sew a few strand to the head between the ears to form the forelock. Make some dark brown plaits in various lengths to form the bridle. Sew each piece onto the head, use the picture as a guide. Make a longer plait to form the reigns, sew these in place on either side of the bridle.

Body. Sew the seam of the body, stuffing before the final closing. The seam of the body will run on the underneath. Take the legs and sew the seams on each one. Leave the bottom of the hoof open. Stuff each leg quite firmly. The seam will run down the back of each leg. Sew a bottom of hoof to each leg, add a little more stuffing if needed. Try to get the legs to look similar Now sew the legs to the body. Pin them in place first to get them level. Sew the legs in place. Take the neck piece and sew the side seam. Add some stuffing to the neck, not too much as extra can be added when sewing to the body. Place the neck onto one end of the body, stretching slightly over the body to fit firmly, add extra stuffing if needed. Take some longer strands of yarn and tie in the centre as you did with the main, this bunch will form the tail. Sew to the back of the body.

Take the saddle and fold over a tiny rim on each side of the piece. Stitch in place. Sew the girth to one side of the saddle in the centre. Place on horses back and then pull the girth under the body, secure to other side of saddle to hold in place Take the head and place onto the neck. Make sure that it is far enough back not to cause the horse to be top heavy. Pin in place and then sew the head firmly to the neck.