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Thank you for supporting the Big Knit and helping older people keep warm in winter.

Inside this booklet you find a variety of patterns and inspiration—from a beginner bobble hat to a more challenging ‘sheep’ hat and even a sneaky handbag!

When you have knitted your little hats, please write us a note including

**your name, address, phone number and email address
along with the number of hats knitted,**

and send them in the post, or drop in to see us at:

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Age UK Bromley & Greenwich,
Community House,
South Street,
Bromley,
BR1 1RH

OR to

Age UK Bromley & Greenwich,
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SE9 6EX.

Deadline for receiving hats:

TBC

Innocent Little Bobble Hat

You'll need this stuff:



1. Cast on **28 stitches**.
2. Knit **2 rows**.
3. Then, starting with a knit row, work in **stocking stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 1 row etc) for 12 more rows**.
4. For the next row, **knit 2 together to the end (14 stitches)**. And for the row after that, **purl 2 together to the end (7 stitches)**.
5. When you've finished, **cut the yarn leaving about 25cm**. Thread the cut end of the yarn through a sewing needle, then run it through the stitch loops and remove the needle.
6. Tighten the yarn and **sew the little hat together**. Once finished, turn it right-side out so that the seam you've just sewn runs up the inside.
7. **Sew a bobble onto the hat**

If you choose to **use a bobble, you will need to make or buy your own** as we cannot supply them.



Alternatively, why not use something different? - a silk flower, a bow or a button.

Feel free to use your imagination to vary the designs e.g. rib all rows, use garter stitch, use moss stitch, use stripes, add beads, add pigtails, **go wild and have fun!**

Plus make sure that **whatever you sew to your hat is securely attached**, as things can get lost in transit - or may end up in the hands of a small child when the hat goes on sale.

Innocent Little Stalk Hat

You'll need this stuff:



Double knit
wool



small knitting
needles
(3¼mm - 4mm)



a sewing
needle



a pair
of scissors

1. Cast on **28 stitches**.
2. Knit **2 rows**.
3. Then, starting with a knit row, work in **stocking stitch** (knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 1 row etc) for **12 more rows**.
4. For the next row **knit 2 together to end**, then for the next row **purl 2 together to end (7 stitches)**, followed by the next row which is **knit 1, knit 2 together three times (4 stitches)**.
5. Transfer the **4 stitches from the right to the left needle**, pulling the yarn tight and knitting them again. **Repeat six times**. This is an I-cord and will be the stalk.
6. To finish, **knit 2 together twice then pass the first stitch over the second**. Fasten off by pulling the yarn through the last stitch.
7. Make up by sewing the side seams together and finish off by threading the yarn down the stalk.



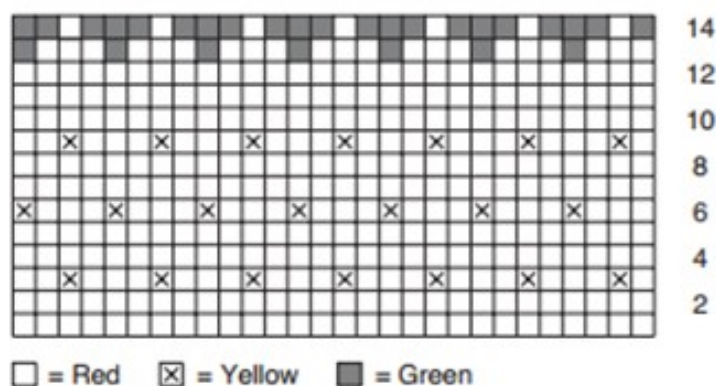
Innocent Advanced Stalk Hat



1. Stick the kettle on.

2. For this one you should use yellow and red yarn, and you'll also need some green for the stalk and leaves. Using your red double knitting yarn and some small needles, cast on 28 stitches.

3. Knit 2 rows. Then, starting with a knit row and working in stocking stitch throughout (knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 1 row etc) do the 12 rows as shown below.



4. For the next row, using green, knit 2 together to end, then for the next row purl 2 together to end (7 stitches), followed by the next row which is knit 1, knit 2 together three times (4 stitches).

5. Transfer the 4 stitches from the right to the left needle, pulling the yarn tight and knitting them again. Repeat six times. This is an I-cord and will be the strawberry's stalk.

6. To finish, knit 2 together twice then pass the first stitch over the second. Fasten off by pulling the yarn through the last stitch.

7. Make up by sewing the side seams together and finish off by threading the yarn down the strawberry stalk.



Sheep

If we want to knit a sheep hat, follow these (not very) baaaaaaad instructions.

To get started, you will need:

- Rowan Pure Wool 4 ply in cream and brown
- 2 stick on eyes
- 3.25mm needles and size 3.5mm crochet hook

The pattern

Body

1. In the brown yarn cast on 33 stitches. For row 1, knit 1 purl 1 and repeat to the last stitch, then knit 1. For row 2, purl 1, knit 1 and repeat to the last stitch, then purl 1.
2. Now follow the chart overleaf. For the first 2 rows the loops are made in the cream yarn with the brown yarn in the background. From then on all knitting is done in cream. Please note you finish on a knit row. For the black dots you make a loop. In this pattern loops are made in two different ways:

On the right side of the work

Knit 1 but don't slip the stitch off the left needle. Bring yarn to the front of the work between the needles and wrap once round your thumb. Take yarn to the back of the work between the needles and knit the stitch on the left needle. Slip the second stitch on the right needle over the last stitch you just knitted to secure the loop.

On the wrong side of the work

Purl 1 but don't slip the stitch off the left needle. Take yarn to the back of the work between the needles and wrap once round your finger. bring yarn to the front of the work between the needles and purl the stitch on the left needle. Slip the second stitch on the right needle over the last stitch you just knitted to secure the loop.



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3. For the next row, purl 2 together across the row until the last stitch, then purl 1 (making 17 stitches).
4. For the next row, knit 2 together and at the same time make a loop all the way to the last stitch (9 stitches).
5. Thread the yarn through the remaining stitches.

Face

1. Using brown yarn cast on 6 stitches.
2. For row 1 knit into the front and back of the stitch across all stitches (leaving you with 12 stitches).
3. Work 5 rows in stocking stitch starting with a purl row.
4. For row 7, knit 1, make 1 stitch by picking up the loop between stitches, then knit 2. Repeat this to the end of the row, then knit 1 (making 18 stitches).
5. Then work 5 rows in stocking stitch.
6. Knit 2 together across all stitches (making 9 stitches), and purl for the next row.
7. Then knit 1, knit 2 together and repeat until the end of the row (ending on a knit 1, and having 5 stitches). Then draw the yarn through the remaining stitches.

Ears - make 2

1. Using the crochet hook and brown yarn make a chain of 6 stitches. Treble crochet into third chain from hook, half treble crochet into the next chain, double crochet into the next chain, slip stitch into final chain and fasten off.

To Make up

1. Sew hat up side seam.
2. Sew face together starting at one end so you can stuff it and place your ears as you go.
3. Stick eyes on.

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To find more patterns and information visit www.innocentdrinks.co.uk/bigknit



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Mrs Needham's Puppy Pattern

You'll need this stuff:



wool



small knitting
needles
Double knit
(3 1/2mm - 4mm)



a sewing
needle



a pair
of scissors



Equipment:

- Small amounts in colour of choice for collar
- Small amounts Black/brown for nose tip and contrast ears if preferred
- Main colour for dog – about 5gms
- Bell for collar

Terminology

K2togtbl	Knit 2 stitches together through the back loop
K2tog	Knit 2 stitches together
SL1	Slip one stitch to right needle without working
PSSO	Pass slip stitched over

Instructions

Main part of hat

With colour for Collar, Cast on 29 stitches

Row 1-3	Knit all rows, change to colour for dog	
Row 4-15	12 rows of Stockinette Stitch, beginning with knit row	
Row 16	k3 (k2togtbl, k2) twice, k2togtbl k3 (k2tog k2) twice k2tog k3	23sts
Row 17	purl	
Row 18	k2 (k2togtbl k1) twice k2togtbl k3 (k2tog k1) twice k2tog k2	17 sts
Row 19	Purl	
Row 20	k1 (k2togtbl) 3 times k3 (k2tog) 3 times k1	11 sts
Row 21	Purl.	

Bind off

Nose

With main body colour yarn cast on 21 stitches

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 (k1, k2togb1) 3 times k3 (k2tog k1) 3 times
ending with 15 sts

Row 3 Purl

Row 4 (k2togb1) 3 times k3 (k2tog) 3 times
ending with 9 sts

Row 5 change to black/brown colour for nose tip and purl

Row 6 (k2togb1) twice k1 (k2tog) twice

Row 7 Purl.

ending with 5 sts

Bind off leaving end long enough to sew nose tip then pull the tail through the stitch line to about halfway down to create a fake 'seam' of contrasting colour (see photo)

Ears

Using contrast or main colour as desired, cast on 3 sts

Row 1-3 knit 3 rows

Row 4 increase 1 stitch at beginning and end of this row and alternate rows until there are 9sts

Row 4 = 5 stitches, Row 5 = 5 stitches, Row 6 = 7 stitches, Row 7 = 7 stitches, Row 8 = 9 stitches

Row 9-11 knit

Row 12 k1 k2tog k3 k2 tog k1

7 sts

Row 13 Knit

Row 14 k1 k2tog k1 k2 tog k1

5 sts

Row 15 knit

Row 16 k1, sl1 k2tog psso
sts

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Row 17 Knit.

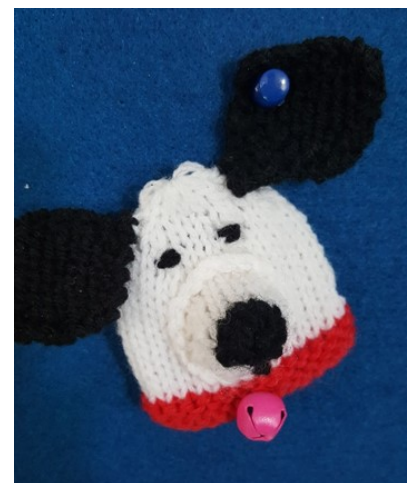
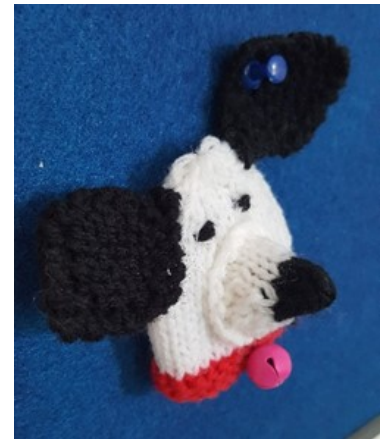
Row 18 Bind off

Making up

Seam back of head

Stuff nose cone and sew in place,
matching the 3 knit stitches at centre of head and
nose cone

Sew ears in place and embroider eyes



Mrs Needham's Handbag or Purse Pattern

Equipment:

DK (double knitting yarn) in two colours

Size 10 (3.25mm) ordinary or straight needles

Size 10 (3.25mm) DPN or Sock needles (you will only need 2)

Terminology

K	Knit
P	Purl
SL1	Slip one stitch to right needle without working
PSSO	Pass slip stitched over
K2tog	Knit 2 stitches together

Instructions

Main body of bag

Using the straight knitting needles cast on 28 stitches

Row 1-3	Knit all rows,
Row 4	Purl a row
Row 5	Change colour and knit
Row 6-7	Knit
Row 8	Purl
Row 9	Change colour and knit
Row 10-11	Knit
Row 12	Purl
Row 13	Change colour and knit
Row 14-15	Knit
Row 16	Purl
Row 17	Cast off 13 stitches (15 stitches remaining)

Flap of Bag

Note: on every row knit into the back of the first and last stitches, this will make firm neat edge.

Row 18	K2, P11, K2
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Row 19 Knit
 Row 20 K2, P11, K2
 Row 21 Knit
 Row 22 K2, P11, K2
 Row 23 Knit
 Row 24: K5, SL1, K1 pssso, P1, K2tog, K5
 Row 25: K2, P4, K1, P4, K2
 Row 26: K4, SL1, K1, pssso, P1, K2tog, K4
 Row 27: K2, P3, K1, P3, K2
 Row 28: K3, SL1, K1, pssso, P1 K2 tog, K3
 Row 29: K2, P2, K1, P2, K2
 Row 30: K2, SL1, K1, pssso, P1, K2tog, K2
 Row 31: K2, SL1, K2tog, pssso, K2
 Row 32: K1, SL1, K2tog, pssso, cast off 1



Button Loop

Depending on how big your button is you can knit 4, 5 or 6 rows

Row 33: on last stitch on the needle of the previous row - knit into this stitch, turn needles, purl into this stitch, turn needles - Repeat these two rows 2 more times, this forms the button loop

You will be left with 2 stitches on one needle, pass one stitch over 2nd stitch, knit into this remaining stitch, cast off, then, leaving enough yarn to finish the loop & sew with, cut yarn, sew to secure the loop, (essentially you are making a circle)

Handle (optional)

Using double pointed needles, cast on 4 stitches, as you cast on, leave a 15cm tail of yarn to use to sew onto hat

Knit 1 row * then slide knitting to the other end of the needle, pulling yarn tight across the back of knitting and knit 1 row **

Repeat from * to ** until handle measures 14 /15 cm. You will be left with 4 stitches on the needle: K1, K2tog, pssso, cast off 1, leaving enough yarn to sew onto bag

Sew up the side seam of the bag, sew on button and handle

For more little hat patterns (including a watermelon and a bunch of grapes design), please visit:

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise-for-us/the-big-knit/knitting-patterns/>

Why not also **get inspired** by checking out the creative designs of other knitters on the **Innocent Drinks website**, in their **Big Knit Hall of Fame** <http://thebigknit.co.uk/>

Why not bring out your inner animal with these inspired colour combos:



flight of the
bumblebee



parrots of
the caribbean



piggy in
the middle



very thirsty
caterpillar



gorillas in
the mist

We also have an **exclusive handbag / purse design**, created specially by our very own time bank member **Mrs Needham** (see inside) – these are sure to be limited edition on the shelves so **go on, give it a go!**

