

Please send your completed hats to:

Devizes

The Wool Shed
New Park St
Devizes
SN10 1DY

Salisbury

St Michaels Community Centre
96 St Michaels Road
Salisbury
SP2 9LE

Swindon

Toothill Community Centre
Dunwich Drive
Swindon
SN5 8DH



Deadline for hats is:
30th September, 2021

If you would like a thank you, don't forget to include your name and email or postal address.

Tel: 0808 196 2424

More knitting patterns are available on our website
www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk



Knitting

The Big Knit

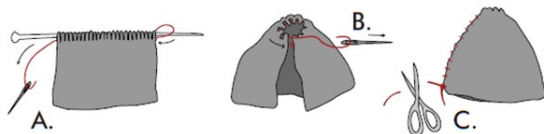
Age UK Wiltshire needs your help to knit little hats for the Big Knit Campaign.

*For every hat we send off Age UK Wiltshire receives a donation of **25p** from Innocent*
For more information visit www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk



beginner pattern

1. Pop your feet up with a cup of tea.
2. Using double knitting yarn and some small needles, cast on 28 stitches.
3. Knit 2 rows. 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 25 cm. Thread the cut end of the yarn through a sewing needle, then run it through the loops and remove the knitting needle (fig. A).
6. Tighten the yarn (fig. B) and sew the little hat together at the side (fig. C). Once finished, turn it right-side out so that the seam you've just sewn runs up the inside.
7. Just to check you're on the right track we reckon when laid out flat, the hat dimensions should be about 5-7cm along the bottom and at least 3cm high.
8. Sew a little bobble onto the top of the hat. If you didn't learn how to make bobbles at school like us, ask at your local wool shop or department store – they'll be able to help you.



Face

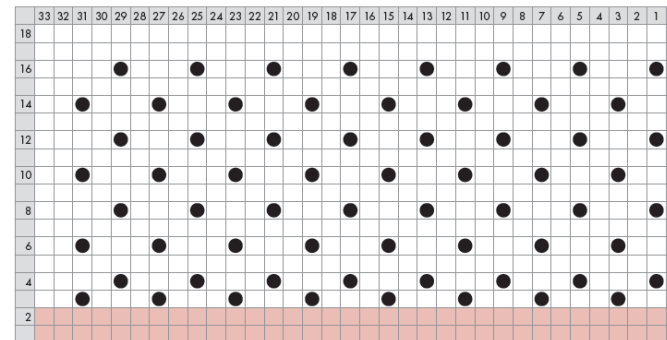
1. Using brown yarn cast on 6 stitches.
2. For row 1 knit into the front and back of the stitch across all stitches (leaving you with 12 stitches).
3. Work 5 rows in stocking stitch starting with a purl row.
4. For row 7, knit 1, make 1 stitch by picking up the loop between stitches, then knit 2. Repeat 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

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.



4. Sit back and marvel at your woolly masterpiece.



Sheep

Advanced Pattern

For this one you should use 4 ply wool in cream and brown, 2 stick on eyes and 3.25mm needles and size 3.5mm crochet hook. You might need a cup of tea too.

Knitting

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.

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.



intermediate pattern



1. Relax in your favourite armchair.
2. This time you need two colours. Using your main colour 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 2 rows of your second colour followed by 2 rows of your main colour. These 4 rows set your stripe pattern. Do 8 more rows in the same stripey fashion.
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. Follow points 5 - 8 as per the beginners' hat to finish off.
6. Reward yourself with a snooze.

Stay on the cutting edge of bobble hat fashion with these tasty colour combos:



The Royal Baby

by Val Pierce



SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Stylecraft Special DK
(100% Acrylic; 295m / 323yds per 100g ball)

A: Aster (1003)

B: Soft Peach (1240)

C: White (1001)

D: Claret (1123)

E: Saffron (1081)

Scraps of brown and pink for features

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 3.25mm (UK10 / US3) Pony knitting needles
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Red colouring pencil
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project.

ABBREVIATIONS

G-st Garter stitch: Knit on RS and

WS

K K nit

kfb Knit into the front and back of

1 stitch

k2tog Knit 2 stitches together

P Purl

rep Repeat

RS Right side of work

st(s) Stitch(es)

St st Stocking stitch / Stockinette:

Knit on RS, purl on WS

WS Wrong side of work

RS Right side of work

st(s) Stitch(es)

St st Stocking stitch / Stockinette:

Knit on RS, purl on WS

WS Wrong side of work

The Fez

by Kim Tanner

SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Stylecraft Special DK

(100% Acrylic; 295m / 323yds per 100g ball)

A: Lipstick (1246)

B: Black (1002)

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 4mm (UK 8/US 6) Pony knitting needles
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing
- 2.5 x 5cm (1 x 2in) piece of stiff card

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows over 10cm / 4in in stocking stitch on 4mm needles

Note: Tension is not critical for this project.



ABBREVIATIONS

K K nit

k2tog Knit 2 stitches together

P P url

RS Right side of work

st(s) Stitch(es)

St st Stocking stitch/Stockinette:

Knit on RS, purl on WS

WS Wrong side of work

PATTERN

Hat

Using A, cast on 40 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): Knit.

Row 3: (K8, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: (K7, k2tog) to end. 32 sts

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: (K6, k2tog) to end. 28 sts

Row 8-13: Starting with a WS purl row, work 6 rows in St st.

Row 14: Knit.

Row 15: (K2tog) to end. 14 sts

Row 16: Purl.

Row 17: (K2tog) to end. 7 sts

Break the yarn leaving a 25cm (10in) tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 7 sts, pulling tightly to close, then sew the back seam using mattress stitch.

Tassel

Using B, wrap the yarn lengthways, approx. 8 times, around the piece of card. Pass a length of yarn through the top between the yarn and the cardboard and fasten a knot to secure the wraps. Use one long tail to attach the tassel to the hat, the second tail will become part of the tassel by placing it in with the yarn you have wrapped round. Cut the tassel lengths at the bottom to release it from the cardboard. Wrap a second length around the top of the tassel for the head. Weave in ends and trim tassel to required length.

FINISHING

Attach the tassel with the remaining long tail to the top centre of the hat. Weave in all loose ends.

The Giant Squid

by Kim Tanner



SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Stylecraft Special DK

(100% Acrylic; 295m/323yds per 100g ball)

Main Colour: Shrimp (1132)

Scraps of black and white yarn

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 4mm (UK8 / US6) Pony knitting needles
- 2 x 4mm (UK8 / US6) Pony double pointed knitting needles (DPNs)
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing

22 sts and 30 rows over 10cm / 4in in stocking stitch on 4mm needles

Note: Tension is not critical for this project.

ABBREVIATIONS

K Knit

kfb Knit into the front and back of

1 stitch

k2tog Knit 2 stitches together

P Purl

RS Right side of work

st(s) Stitch(es)

St st Stocking stitch / Stockinette:

Knit on RS, purl on WS

WS Wrong side of work

PATTERN

Hat

Using A, cast on 28 sts.

K 3 rows.

P 1 row.

K 1 row.

Break A leaving a tail for weaving in.

Join B and starting with a RS knit row, work 6 rows in St st.

Next row (RS): K13, (kfb) twice, turn work and P4, turn work and K to end.

30 sts

Starting with a WS purl row, work 3 rows in St st.

Next row: K13, k2tog, ssk, K to end.

28 sts

Starting with a WS purl row, work 3 rows in St st.

Next row: (K2tog) to end. 14 sts

Next row: (P2tog) to end. 7 sts

MAKING UP

Break the yarn leaving a 25cm tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 7 sts, pulling tightly to close then sew the back seam. Turn hat RS out so the seam is on the inside.

FINISHING

Hair

Using C, cut 18 lengths of 25cm (10in) long yarn. Join the centre of the lengths to the top of the head and again at each side. Trim the ends and separate a few of the yarn strands if you want a slightly messy look. Make a 25cm (10in) plait using three lengths of yarn that will contrast with the hair. Knot the plait at both ends and tie it round the head, securing with a stitch at the front and back. Using black, embroider 2 French knots for the eyes and embroider a couple of straight stitches in orange or red for the mouth. Lightly shade the cheeks with the pencil. Sew the button in place on the front of the jumper.

Head

Using C, cast on 4 sts and P one row.

Row 1 (RS): (Kfb) to end. 8 sts

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3: (Kfb) to end. 16 sts

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: (K2, kfb) to last st, K1. 21 sts

Row 6: Purl.

Break C, join in A and continue as follows:

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: (K2, k2tog) to last st, K1. 16 sts

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: (K2tog) to end. 8 sts

Row 12: Purl.

Row 13: (K2tog) to end. 4 sts

Break the yarn leaving a 20cm (8in) tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 4 sts, pulling tightly to close. This is the top of the head. Sew the back seam, stuffing as you go to pad the head out.

The hippie

by Fiona Goble



SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Stylecraft Special DK
(100% Acrylic; 295m / 323yds per 100g ball)

A: Fiesta (1257)

B: Soft Peach (1240)

C: Sunshine (1114)

Scraps of contrast yarn for headband plus black and orange or red for features

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 3.75mm (UK9 / US5) Pony knitting needles
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing
- Red colouring pencil
- Button

TENSION

24 sts and 32 rows over 10cm / 4in in stocking stitch on 3.75mm needles

Note: Tension is not critical for this project.

ABBREVIATIONS

G-st Garter stitch: Knit on RS and WS

K K nit

kfb Knit into the front and back of 1 stitch

k2tog Knit 2 stitches together

P Purl

p2tog Purl 2 stitches together

RS Right side of work

ssk Slip 1 stitch, slip a second stitch, knit them together

through the back loop

st(s) Stitch(es)

St st Stocking stitch/Stockinette:

Knit on RS, purl on WS

WS Wrong side of work

PATTERN

Hat

Using main colour, cast on 28 sts.

Starting with a RS knit row, work 14 rows in St st.

Row 15 (RS): (K5, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 16 (WS): Purl.

Row 17: (K4, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Row 18: Purl.

Row 19: (K3, k2tog) to end. 16 sts

Row 20: Purl.

Row 21: (K2, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 22: Purl.

Row 23: (K2, kfb) to end. 16 sts

Row 24: Purl.

Row 25: (K3, kfb) to end. 20 sts

Row 26: Purl.

Row 27: (K4, kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 28-32: Starting with a WS purl row, work 5 rows in St st.

Row 33: (K6, k2tog) to end. 21 sts

Row 34: Purl.

Row 35: (K5, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Row 36: Purl.

Row 37: (K4, k2tog) to end. 15 sts

Row 38: Purl.

Row 39: (K3, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 40: Purl.

Row 42: Purl.

Row 43: (K1, k2tog) to end. 6 sts

Row 44: Purl.

Row 45: (K2tog) to end. 3 sts

Break the yarn leaving a 25cm (10in) tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 3 sts, pulling tightly to close, then sew the back seam using mattress stitch.

MAKING UP

Weave in loose ends.

Lightly stuff the top section of the hat to form the squid head. Weave a length of yarn around the narrow section of the neck and tighten to close the gap, secure and weave in ends.

FINISHING

Small Tentacles (make 8) Using the DPNs and main colour, work an i-cord as follows: Pick up and K2 sts at the bottom of the hat, do not turn, *slide sts to the opposite end of the needle, bring yarn around the back and knit the sts again; rep from * for a further 9 rows. Next row: K2tog. 1 st

Break yarn, pull through the final st and secure. Make next tentacle following the same method and gradually picking up sts around the base of the hat referring to the image for placement.

Large Tentacles (make 2)

Using the DPNs, main colour and working i-cord as set above, work 15 rows then continue working standard rows as follows:

Row 16: (Kfb) twice, turn. 4 sts

Row 17-19: Knit, turning at end of each row.

Row 20: (K2tog) to end, turn. 2 sts

Row 21: K2tog. 1 st

Break yarn, pull through the final st and secure.

Weave in all loose ends.

Using black and white yarns, embroider eyes onto the squid.

The Blue Tit

by Val Pierce



SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Stylecraft Special DK

(100% Acrylic; 295m / 323yds per 100g ball)

A: Aster (1003) B: Saffron (1081) C: Cream (1005)

Scraps of black yarn for features

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 3.25mm (UK10 / US3) Pony knitting needles
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

G-st Garter stitch: Knit on RS and WS

inc Increase(d)

K Knit

Kfb Knit into the front and back of 1 stitch

k2tog Knit 2 stitches together

k3tog Knit 3 stitches together

M1 Make 1 stitch by lifting strand between needles and knitting it through the back loop

P Purl

rep Repeat

RS Right side of work

st(s) Stitch(es)

WS Wrong side of work

PATTERN

Hat

Using A, cast on 28 sts.

Work 2 rows in G-st.

Join in B and one extra small ball of A and using the intarsia method work as follows, remembering to twist yarns together at joins to avoid holes in work:

Row 1 (RS): K12A, K4B, K12A.

Row 2 (WS): P11A, P6B, P11A.

Row 3: K10A, K8B, K10A.

Row 4: P10A, P8B, P10A.

Row 5-14: Rep rows 3 and 4 a further 5 times.

Row 15: (K2togA) 5 times, (K2togB) 4 times, (K2togA) 5 times. 14 sts

Row 16: P5A, P4B, P5A.

Row 17: K1A, (K2togA) twice, (K2togB) twice, (K2togA) twice, K1A. 8 sts

Row 18: P3A, P2B, P3A.

Break both yarns leaving 25cm (10in) tails. Thread yarn A onto a yarn needle and gather up the 8 sts, pulling tightly to close and join the back seam.

Head

Using C, cast on 4 sts and P one row.

Row 1 (RS): (Kfb) to end. 8 sts

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3: (Kfb) to end. 16 sts

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: (K2, kfb) to last st, K1. 21 sts

Row 6: Purl.

Break C, join in A and continue as follows:

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: (K2, k2tog) to last st, K1. 16 sts

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: (K2tog) to end. 8 sts

Row 12: Purl.

Row 13: (K2tog) to end. 4 sts

Break the yarn leaving a 20cm (8in) tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 4 sts, pulling tightly to close. This is the top of the head. Sew the back seam, stuffing as you go to pad the head out.

Wings (make 2)

Using A, cast on 2 sts and K one row.

Row 1 (RS): Kfb, K1. 3 sts

Row 2 (WS): K1, P1, K1.

Row 3: (K1, M1) twice, K1. 5 sts

Row 4: K2, P1, K2.

Row 5: K2, M1, K1, M1, K2. 7 sts

Row 6: K3, P1, K3.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: K3, P1, K3.

Row 9: (K1, k2tog) twice, K1. 5 sts

Row 10: K2, P1, K2.

Row 11: K2tog, K1, k2tog. 3 sts

Row 12: K1, P1, K1.

Row 13: K3tog. 1 st

Break yarn and pull through last st.

Beak

Using B, cast on 1 stitch.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Knit into the front then back then front again of the stitch. 3 sts

Row 3-6: Knit.

Row 7: K2tog, K1. 2 sts

Row 8: K2tog.

Break yarn and pull through last st.

Legs (make 2)

Using B, loosely cast on 20 sts.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Take the beak, fold it in half and stitch to centre of the head. Using black, embroider eyes and black line on head using the image as a guide. Attach head to top of main hat.

Attach a wing to each side of the main hat. Take the legs and fold a small part at one end into a foot shape, securing with a few stitches. Repeat for the other leg. Attach one either side inside the main hat.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends.