

Elephant

Instructions

This is a good project to start with. The pieces are not too small, so it is fairly easy to make. Practise with this pattern. The sewing up method for the other animals is similar.

Body

Cast on 31 sts with grey yarn.

Rows 1–8: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 9: Cast off 4 sts, k to end (27 sts).

Row 10: Cast off 4 sts, p to end (23).

Row 11: Cast on 4 sts, k to end (27).

Row 12: Cast on 4 sts, p to end (31).

Rows 13–22: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 23: Cast off 4 sts, k to end (27).

Row 24: Cast off 4 sts, p to end (23).

Row 25: Cast on 4 sts, k these 4 sts, k10, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (29).

Row 26: Cast on 4 sts, p to end (33).

Row 27: k14, (kf/b, k1) twice, kf/b, k14 (36).

Row 28: p.

Row 29: k14, kf/b, k6, kf/b, k14 (38).

Rows 30–32: st/st.

Row 33: Cast off 4, k to end (34).

Row 34: Cast off 4, p to end (30).

Row 35: Cast off 4, k to end (26).

Row 36: Cast off 4, p to end (22).

Row 37: inc 1 st at both ends (24).

Row 38: p.

Row 39: k7, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k7 (22).

Rows 40–42: st/st.

Row 43: k6, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k6 (20).

Row 44: p.

Row 45: (k2tog, k1) 6 times, k2tog (13).

Rows 46–48: st/st.

Row 49: (k2, k2tog) 3 times, k1 (10).

Rows 50–60: st/st.

Row 61: (k2tog, k2) twice, k2tog (7).

Rows 62–63: st/st.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Draw it through sts on needle, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Ears: make two

Cast on 12 sts with grey yarn.

Row 1: p.

Row 2: k3, kf/b, k4, kf/b, k3 (14).

Row 3: p.

Row 4: k4, kf/b, k4, kf/b, k4 (16).

Materials

DK (8-ply) yarn: 15g (½oz) of grey, small amounts of dark brown or black and small amount of white

Fine 2 or 3-ply yarn: small amount of dark brown (or use 2 strands from DK (8-ply))

Stuffing

Size

12cm (4¾in) long, 6cm (2¾in) high

Difficulty level

Beginner

Row 5: p.

Row 6: (k4, k2tog) twice, k4 (14).

Row 7: p.

Row 8: k3, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k3 (12).

Row 9: p.

Row 10: (k2tog, k1) (8).

Row 11: p.

Break yarn, draw yarn through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off. Fold the piece in half and sew up the sides and cast-on edges.



Brown Bear

Instructions

Adult body

Cast on 25 sts with brown yarn.
Rows 1–6: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 7: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (22 sts).

Row 8: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (19).

Row 9: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (22).

Row 10: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (25).

Rows 11–18: st/st.

Row 19: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (22).

Row 20: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (19).

Row 21: Cast on 3 sts, k these 3 sts, k8, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (24).

Row 22: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (27).

Row 23: k12, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (29).

Row 24: p.

Row 25: k13, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (31).

Row 26: p.

Row 27: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (28).

Row 28: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (25).

Row 29: Cast off 6 sts, k to end (19).

Row 30: Cast off 6 sts, p to end (13).

Row 31: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1 (9).

Row 32: p.

Break yarn, draw yarn through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Ears: make two

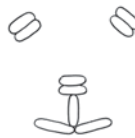
Cast on 6 sts with brown yarn.
Break yarn, draw yarn through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off. Follow page 21, steps 1 and 2, to make the ear into a half-circle.

Tail

Cast on 6 sts with brown yarn.
Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Making up

Sew up as shown on pages 16–17. Attach the ears and tail to the body. Embroider the eyes, nose and mouth with dark brown yarn as shown.



Bear cub

Body

Cast on 15 sts with brown yarn.
Rows 1–4: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 5: Cast off 2 sts, k to end (13 sts).

Row 6: Cast off 2 sts, p to end (11).

Row 7: inc 1 st at both ends (13).

Rows 8–11 st/st.

Row 12: dec 1 st at both ends (11).

Row 13: Cast on 2 sts, k these 2 sts, k4, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (15).

Row 14: Cast on 2 sts, p to end (17).

Row 15: k7, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (19).

Row 16: p.

Materials

To make one adult and two cubs:

DK (8-ply) yarn: 15g (½oz) of brown and a small amount of dark brown

Stuffing

Sizes

Adult: 7cm (2¾in) long, 5cm (2in) high

Cub: 5cm (2in) long, 3cm (1¼in) high

Difficulty level

Adult: beginner

Cub: intermediate

Row 17: Cast off 4 sts, k to end (15).

Row 18: Cast off 4 sts, p to end (11).

Row 19: dec 1 st at both ends (9).

Row 20: p.

Row 21: (k1, k2tog) to end (6).

Row 22: p.

Row 23: k2tog, k2, k2tog (4).

Row 24: p.

Break yarn, draw yarn through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.



Polar Bear

Instructions

Adult body

Cast on 27 sts with white yarn.
Rows 1–7: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 8: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (24).

Row 9: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (21).

Row 10: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (24).

Row 11: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (27).

Rows 12–19: st/st.

Row 20: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (24).

Row 21: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (21).

Row 22: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (24).

Row 23: Cast on 3 sts, k these 3 sts, k9, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (29).

Row 24: p.

Row 25: k13, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (31).

Row 26: p.

Row 27: k14, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (33).

Row 28: p.

Row 29: k15, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (35).

Row 30: p.

Row 31: k11, (kf/b, k11) to end (37).

Row 32: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (34).

Row 33: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (31).

Row 34: Cast off 7 sts, p to end (24).

Row 35: Cast off 7 sts, k to end (17).

Row 36: p.

Row 37: (k2tog, k1) to last 2 sts, k2tog (11).

Row 38: p.

Row 39: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (9).

Row 40: p.

Break yarn, draw yarn through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Ears: make two

Cast on 6 sts with white yarn.
Break yarn, draw yarn through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off. Follow page 21, steps 1 and 2, to make the ear into a half-circle.

Tail

Cast on 8 sts with white yarn.
Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly to make a ball.

Making up

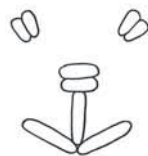
Sew up as shown on pages 16–17. Stuff the shoulders and bottom firmly to add character.

Close the seam.

Attach the

ears and tail.

Embroider the eyes, nose and mouth with dark brown yarn as shown.



Materials

To make one adult and two cubs:

DK (8-ply) yarn: 20g (¾oz) of white and a small amount of dark brown

Stuffing

Sizes

Adult: 7cm (2¾in) long, 5cm (2in) high

Cub: 5cm (2in) long, 3cm (1¼in) high

Difficulty level

Mother: beginner

Cub: intermediate

Polar bear cub

Same as the brown bear cub, but with white yarn.



Hippopotamus

Instructions

Body

Cast on 25 sts with light brown yarn.

Rows 1–6: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 7: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (22).

Row 8: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (19).

Row 9: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (22).

Row 10: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (25).

Rows 11–18: st/st, starting with k row.

Row 19: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (22).

Row 20: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (19).

Row 21: Cast on 3 sts, k these 3 sts, k8, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (24).

Row 22: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (27).

Row 23: k10, (kf/b, k1) 3 times, kf/b, k to end (31).

Row 24: p.

Row 25: k11, kf/b, k7, kf/b, k to end (33).

Row 26: p.

Row 27: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (30).

Row 28: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (27).

Row 29: Cast off 6 sts, k to end (21).

Row 30: Cast off 6 sts, p to end (15).

Row 31: inc 1 st at both ends (17).

Rows 32–34: st/st.

Row 35: k4, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k4 (15).

Row 36: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (12).

Row 37: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (9).

Rows 38–39: st/st.
Cast off.

Ears: make two

Cast on 2 sts with light brown yarn and k1 row. Pass the first stitch over the second and fasten off.

Tail

Make a 2-stitch i-cord with light brown yarn, for 5 rows. Fasten off.

Eyes: make two

Cast on 6 sts with light brown yarn. Break yarn, draw yarn through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off. Follow page 21, steps 1 and 2, to make the ear into a half-circle.

Making up

Sew the hind legs and the front legs, following the sewing instructions on page 17. To make the head, sew the underside of the upper body from where the front legs meet. Sew half-way.

Materials

DK (8-ply) yarn: 10g (1/3oz) of light brown and small amounts of dark brown and black

Stuffing

Size

8cm (3 1/8in) long,
4cm (1 1/2in) high

Difficulty level

Beginner

Using the yarn left at the cast-off end, sew the chin from one corner to the other. The seam should be T-shaped. Stuff the body and close the seam. Stuff the belly and bottom more firmly. Attach the ears, eyes and tail to the body. Embroider the eyes with French knots in black and the nostrils, as shown (right), with dark brown.



Buffalo

Instructions

Body

Cast on 25 sts with dark brown.
Rows 1–6: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 7: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (22).

Row 8: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (19).

Row 9: Cast on 2 sts, k to end (21).

Row 10: Cast on 2 sts, p to end (23).

Rows 11–18: st/st.

Row 19: Cast off 2 sts, k to end (21).

Row 20: Cast off 2 sts, p to end (19).

Row 21: Cast on 3 sts, k these sts, k8, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (24).

Row 22: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (27).

Row 23: k4, kf/b, k7, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k7, kf/b, k4 (31).

Row 24: p.

Rows 25–28: st/st.

Row 29: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (28).

Row 30: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (25).

Row 31: Cast off 7 sts, k to end (18).

Row 32: Cast off 7 sts, p to end (11).

Row 33: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (14).

Row 34: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (17).

Rows 35–37: st/st.

Row 38: p2tog, cast off the stitch on the right needle, cast off all the stitches until the last 2 stitches, p2tog. Pass the first stitch over the second stitch and fasten off.

Ears: make two

Cast on 2 sts with dark brown yarn and k 1 row. Pass the first st over the second st, fasten off.

Tail

Make a twisted skein tail with dark brown yarn as shown on page 20.

Horns: make two

Cast on 2 sts with grey.

Row 1: k.

Row 2: p.

Row 3: kf/b, k1 (3).

Row 4: p.

Row 5: k1, kf/b, k1 (4).

Row 6: p.

Row 7: k1, kf/b, kf/b, k1 (6).

Rows 8–12: st/st.

Row 13: k1, k2tog twice, k1 (4).

Row 14: p.

Row 15: k1, k2tog, k1 (3).

Row 16: p.

Row 17: k2tog, k1 (2).

Materials

DK (8-ply) yarn: 10g ($\frac{1}{3}$ oz) of dark brown and small amounts of grey and white

Stuffing

Size

9cm ($3\frac{1}{2}$ in) long, 6cm ($2\frac{3}{8}$ in) high

Difficulty level

Intermediate

Row 18: p.

Pass the first stitch over the second stitch and fasten off.

To make up

Sew the legs, following the instructions on pages 16–17. Starting between the front legs, sew the underside of the front body, chin and face. Attach ears and tail. Sew the seam of each horn from the tip and attach to the body. Embroider the eyes with French knots in white yarn.



Lion

Instructions

Lion

With sand colour, cast on 23 sts.
Rows 1–6: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 7: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (20).

Row 8: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (17).

Row 9: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (20).

Row 10: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (23).

Rows 11–16: st/st.

Row 17: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (20).

Row 18: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (17).

Row 19: Cast on 3 sts, k these 3 sts, k7, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (22).

Row 20: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (25).

Row 21: k11, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (27).

Row 22: p.

Row 23: k12, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (29).

Row 24: p.

Row 25: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (26).

Row 26: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (23).

Row 27: Cast off 4 sts, k to end (19).

Row 28: Cast off 4 sts, p to end (15).

Rows 29–30: st/st.

Row 31: k4, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k to end (13).

Row 32: p.

Row 33: (k3, k2tog) twice, k to

end (11).

Row 34: p.

Row 35: k3, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k to end (9).

Row 36: p.

Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Ears: make two

With sand colour yarn, cast on 2 sts and k 1 row. Pass the first st over the second st and fasten off.

Tail

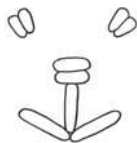
Make a 2-stitch i-cord with sand colour yarn, for 4 rows. Make a small tassel with fine dark brown yarn, and attach to the cord.

Mane

Make a 9 x 2cm (3½ x ¾in) mane with dark brown yarn, following the technique on page 20.

Making up

Sew the legs, following the instructions on pages 16–17. Starting between the front legs, sew the underside of the front body, chin and face. Attach the mane and the tail. Embroider the eyes with short back stitches and pull the thread gently to make a slight dent in the face. Embroider the nose and mouth as shown.



Lioness

For the body and ears, follow the Lion pattern.

Tail

Make a 2-stitch i-cord for 12 rows. Fasten off.

Making up

As for the Lion, without a mane.

Materials

To make a lion, lioness and two cubs:

DK (8-ply) yarn: 15g (½oz) sand colour and small amounts of black and dark brown

Fine 2 or 3-ply yarn: small amount of dark brown

Stuffing

Extra equipment

3.25mm (UK 10/US D) crochet hook

Sizes

Adult: 8cm (3¼in) long, 5cm (2in) high

Cub: 4.5cm (1¾in) long, 3cm (1¼in) high

Difficulty level

Intermediate

Cub

Cast on 15 sts with sand colour yarn.

Rows 1–3: st/st, starting with k row.

Row 4: Cast off 2 sts, p to end (13).

Row 5: Cast off 2 sts, k to end (11).

Row 6: inc 1 st at both ends (13).

Row 7: k.

Row 8: p.

Row 9: dec 1 st at both ends (11).

Row 10: Cast on 2 sts, p to end (13.)

Row 11: Cast on 2 sts, k these 2 sts, k6, kf/b k1, kf/b, k to end (17).

Row 12: p.

Row 13: k7, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (19).

Zebra

Instructions

Body

Cast on 24 sts with white yarn.

Rows 1–6: st/st, starting with k row.

Row 7: Cast off 6 sts, k to end (18).

Row 8: Cast off 6 sts, p to end (12).

Row 9: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (15).

Row 10: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (18).

Rows 11–18: st/st.

Row 19: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (15).

Row 20: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (12).

Row 21: Cast on 6 sts, k these 6 sts, k5, kf/b twice, k to end (20).

Row 22: Cast on 6 sts, p to end (26).

Row 23: k12, kf/b twice, k to end (28).

Row 24: p.

Row 25: k13, kf/b twice, k to end (30).

Row 26: p.

Row 27: Cast off 6 sts, k to end (24).

Row 28: Cast off 6 sts, p to end (18).

Row 29: Cast off 4 sts, k to end (14).

Row 30: Cast off 4 sts, p to end (10).

Row 31: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (13).

Row 32: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (16).

Row 33: k.

Row 34: p.

Row 35: k2tog, cast off the stitch on the right needle, cast off all the stitches until the last 2 stitches, k2tog, pass the first stitch over the second stitch and fasten off.

Ears: make two

Cast on 2sts with white yarn and k 1 row. Pass the first st over the second st and fasten off.

Tail

Make a tail with dark brown yarn, following the technique on page 20.

Mane

Make a 1.5 x 5cm (½ x 2in) mane with dark brown yarn, following the technique on page 20.

Making up

Sew the legs, following the instructions on pages 16–17. Starting between the front legs, sew the underside of the front body, chin and face. Attach the ears, mane and tail to the body. Embroider the stripes and eyes in back stitch using black yarn.

Materials

DK (8-ply) yarn: 7g (¼oz) of white and a small amount of black

Fine 2 or 3-ply yarn: a small amount of dark brown

Stuffing

Size

7cm (2¾in) long, 5cm (2in) high

Difficulty level

Intermediate



Impala

Instructions

Male

Body

Cast on 24 sts with light brown yarn.

Rows 1–6: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 7: Cast off 6 sts, k to end (18).

Row 8: Cast off 6 sts, p to end (12).

Row 9: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (15).

Row 10: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (18).

Rows 11–16: st/st.

Row 17: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (15).

Row 18: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (12).

Row 19: Cast on 6 sts, k these 6 sts, k5, kf/b twice, k to end (20).

Row 20: Cast on 6 sts, p to end (26).

Row 21: k12, kf/b twice, k to end (28).

Row 22: p.

Row 23: k13, kf/b twice, k to end (30).

Row 24: p.

Row 25: Cast off 6 sts, k to end (24).

Row 26: Cast off 6 sts, p to end (18).

Row 27: Cast off 4 sts, k to end (14).

Row 28: Cast off 4 sts, p to end (10).

Row 29: k.

Row 30: dec 1 st at both ends (8).

Row 31: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (11).

Row 32: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (14).

Row 33: inc 1 st at both ends (16).

Row 34: p.

Row 35: k2tog, cast off the stitch on the right needle, cast off all the stitches until the last 2 sts, k2tog, pass the first stitch over the second stitch and fasten off.

Ears: make two

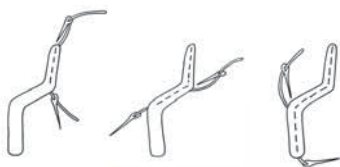
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Tail

Make a 2-stitch i-cord with light brown yarn for 3 rows. Fasten off.

Antlers: make two

Make a 2-stitch i-cord with dark brown yarn for 8 rows. Leaving a long end, fasten off tightly. From the tip, run the thread through the cord for 1cm ($\frac{3}{8}$ in), take it out once, put it back in the i-cord, run it through 5mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ in), take it out again and back through the i-cord to the end (see diagrams below). Pull gently to make the cord into a double L shape.



Materials

DK (8-ply) yarn: 10g ($\frac{1}{3}$ oz) of light brown and a small amount of dark brown

Stuffing

Size

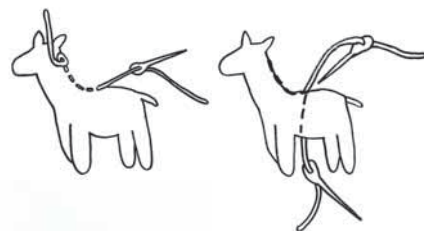
8cm ($3\frac{1}{4}$ in) long, 5cm (2in) high

Difficulty level

Intermediate

Making up

Sew the legs, following the instructions on pages 16–17. Starting between the front legs, sew the underside of the front body, chin and face. Work a gathering thread through the stitches at the back of the neck and pull to keep the head up and create a curved neck line. Place the needle back in where it came out and bring it out through the belly (see diagrams below). Pull tightly and secure. Attach ears, tail and antlers. Embroider the eyes and nose with dark brown, as for the Brown Bear.



Giraffe

Instructions

Body

Cast on 27 sts with yellow yarn.

Row 1: k.

Row 2: Join in white yarn and cast on 6 sts with white, p to end with yellow (33).

Row 3: Cast on 6 sts with white and keeping the colour pattern correct, k to end (39).

Rows 4–5: Keeping the colour pattern correct, st/st, twisting the yarns at the back when you change colours.

Row 6: Cast off 6 sts of white, p to end (33).

Row 7: Cast off 6 sts of white, k to end (27).

Row 8: Cast off 5 sts, p to end (22).

Row 9: Cast off 5 sts, k to end (17).

Row 10: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (20).

Row 11: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (23).

Rows 12–19: st/st.

Row 20: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (20).

Row 21: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (17).

Row 22: Cast on 5 sts, p to end (22).

Row 23: Cast on 5 sts, k these sts, k6, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (29).

Row 24: Join in white yarn. Cast on 6 sts with white, p to end with yellow (35).

Row 25: Join in white yarn from the other end. Cast on 6 sts with white and k6 (white), with yellow k13, kf/b, k1, kf/b, keeping the colour pattern correct k to end (43).

Row 26: Keeping the colour pattern correct, p to end.

Row 27: k6 (white), k14, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k14 (yellow), k6 (white) (45).

Row 28: Keeping colour pattern correct, cast off 6 sts (white), p to end (39).

Row 29: Cast off 6 sts (white) k to end (33).

Row 30: Cast off 8 sts, p to end (25).

Row 31: Cast off 8 sts, k to end (17).

Row 32: Cast off 2 sts, p to end (15).

Row 33: Cast off 2 sts, k to end (13).

Rows 34–44: st/st.

Row 45: k6, k2tog, k5 (12).

Rows 46–49: st/st.

Row 50: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (15).

Row 51: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (18).

Rows 52–53: st/st.

Row 54: p2tog, cast off the stitch on the right needle, cast off all the sts until the last 2 sts, p2tog, pass the first stitch over the second stitch and fasten off.

Ears: make two

Cast on 2 sts with yellow yarn and k 1 row, pass the first st over the second st and fasten off.

Horns: make two

Make 2-stitch i-cord with dark brown yarn for 3 rows. Fasten off tightly.

Mane

Make a 1.5 x 7cm (½ x 2¾in) mane with dark brown yarn, following the instructions on page 20.

Tail

Same as zebra.

Materials

DK (8-ply) yarn: 15g (½oz) of yellow and small amounts of white, brown and dark brown

Fine 2 or 3-ply yarn: small amount of dark brown

Stuffing

Heavy-weight garden wire cut into four 5cm (2in) lengths (optional)

Size

9cm (3½in) long; 12cm (4¾in) high

Difficulty level

Advanced

Making up

There are 2 yarn ends on each leg, use one to sew up and the other to stuff the tip of the leg. Sew the edges together as you push down the yarn, starting from where white meets yellow towards the tip. Starting between the front legs, sew the underside of the front body, chin and face. Stuff the body and close the seam on the belly. Embroider lines of chain stitch around the body using brown yarn. Attach the ears, horns, mane and tail. To keep the neck upright, work a gathering thread through the back of the neck and pull to shape (see Making up diagrams, page 46). Embroider the eyes with French knots in fine dark brown yarn.



Monkey

Instructions

Body

Cast on 15 sts in brown yarn.
Rows 1–4: st/st, starting with a k row.
Row 5: Cast off 4 sts, k to end (11).
Row 6: Cast off 4 sts, p to end (7).
Row 7: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (10).
Row 8: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (13).
Rows 9–10: st/st.
Row 11: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (10).
Row 12: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (7).
Row 13: Cast on 4 sts, k these 4 sts, k2, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (13).
Row 14: Cast on 4 sts, p to end (17).
Row 15: k7, kf/b k1, kf/b, k to end (19).
Row 16: p.
Row 17: Cast off 6 sts, k to end (13).
Row 18: Cast off 6 sts, p to end (7).
Row 19: (kf/b, k1) 3 times, kf/b (11).
Row 20: p.
Row 21: (k2tog) 5 times, k1 (6).
Row 22: p.
Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Eyes: make two

Using fine white yarn or 2 strands taken from DK (8-ply), cast on 5 sts. Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off. Following the steps on page 21, make the ear into a circle.

Tail

Make a 2-stitch i-cord with brown yarn for 3cm (1¼in). Fasten off.

Muzzle (optional)

With pale pink yarn, cast on 4 sts, break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Making up

Sew up the body, following the instructions on pages 16–17. Using pale pink yarn, make ears by back stitching on the same spot a few times. Make hands and feet using the same method. Attach the tail and muzzle. Attach white eyes and embroider a French knot in the centre with black yarn. Embroider the nostrils and mouth with brown yarn.

Materials

DK (8-ply) yarn: small amounts of brown and pale pink

Fine 2 or 3-ply yarn: small amounts of white and black – or take two strands from DK (8-ply)

Stuffing

Extra equipment

Sharp sewing needle, pliers (optional)

Size

5cm (2in) long

Difficulty level

Advanced

Tips

When you embroider the centre of the eyes, use a regular fine sewing needle with a sharp end. If you find it difficult to pull the needle out of the face, use craft pliers to help you. Use different colours for variety. You can make the tail stripy if you like.



Gorilla

Instructions

Body

Cast on 19 sts with grey yarn.

Rows 1–6: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 7: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (16).

Row 8: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (13).

Row 9: Cast on 2 sts, k to end (15).

Row 10: Cast on 2 sts, p to end (17).

Rows 11–16: st/st.

Row 17: Cast off 2 sts, k to end (15).

Row 18: Cast off 2 sts, p to end (13).

Row 19: Cast on 6 sts, k these 6 sts, k5, kf/b, k1, kf/b, k to end (21).

Row 20: Cast on 6 sts, p to end (27).

Row 21: k11, (kf/b, k1) twice, kf/b, k to end (30).

Row 22: p.

Row 23: k13, kf/b, k2, kf/b, k to end (32).

Row 24: p.

Row 25: Cast off 6 sts, k7, kf/b, k2, kf/b, k to end (28).

Row 26: Cast off 6 sts, p to end (22).

Row 27: Cast off 4 sts, k4, (k1, kf/b, k1) twice, k to end (20).

Row 28: Cast off 4 sts, p to end (16).

Rows 29–30: st/st.

Row 31: k6, cast off next 4 sts, k to end (12).

Row 32: p2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog (10).

Row 33: k.

Row 34: p2tog, cast off the stitch on the right needle, cast off all the stitches until the last 2 sts, p2tog, pass the first stitch over the second stitch and fasten off.

Making up

Sew up each leg, following the instructions on pages 16–17. Sew the front part of the body and face, starting between the front legs.

Close the hole in the face and stuff the body. To add character, stuff well into the forehead, upper body and hips. Work a gathering thread through each stitch around the waist and pull up to shape it.

Create the ears by back stitching on the same spot two to three times with grey yarn. Embroider the eyes with French knots in black yarn, then pull the thread gently to shape the face. Embroider the nostrils with small back stitches in dark brown or black yarn and the mouth with back stitch in black yarn.

Materials

DK (8-ply) yarn: 7g (¼oz) of grey and small amounts of dark brown and black yarn

Stuffing

Size

6cm (2⅓in) long, 5cm (2in) high

Difficulty level

Intermediate



Koala

Instructions

Mother

Body

With light grey yarn, cast on 15 sts.

Follow the Brown Bear Cub pattern (page 28) up to row 12.

Row 13: Cast on 2 sts, k these 2 sts, k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k2 (11).

Row 14: Cast on 2 sts, p to end (13).

Rows 15–16: st/st.

Row 17: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (10).

Row 18: Cast off 3 sts p to end (7).

Cast off.

Head

With light grey yarn, cast on 4 sts (leave a long end for sewing).

Row 1: p.

Row 2: Cast on 4 sts, k to end (8).

Row 3: Cast on 4 sts, p to end (12), leave a marker.

Rows 4–6: st/st.

Row 7: (p1, p2tog) to end (8).

Rows 8–9: st/st.

Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Ears: make two

With light grey yarn, cast on 6 sts. Join in white yarn and knit 1 row. Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Tail

Cast on 4 sts. Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle and pull tightly to make a bobble.

Making up

Sew each leg and the underside of the body. Stuff and close the seam. Sew the head from the fastened-off end, to the marker. Stuff the head and close the back of the head. Attach to the body with the head facing sideways. Attach the ears and tail. Embroider the eyes with French knots in dark brown yarn and the nose with back stitches in brown yarn.

Cub

With light grey yarn, cast on 11 sts.

Rows 1–3: st/st.

Row 4: Cast off 2 sts, p to end (9).

Row 5: Cast off 2 sts, k to end (7).

Row 6: inc 1 st at both ends (9).

Rows 7–9: st/st.

Row 10: dec 1 st at both ends (7).

Row 11: Cast on 2 sts, k these 2 sts, k2, k2tog, k3 (8).

Row 12: Cast on 2 sts, p to end (10).

Rows 13–14: st/st.

Row 15: Cast off 2 sts, k to end (8).

Row 16: Cast off 2 sts, p to end (6).

Cast off.

Head

With light grey yarn, cast on 3 sts (leave a long end for sewing).

Row 1: p.

Row 2: Cast on 2 sts, k to end (5).

Row 3: Cast on 2 sts, p to end (7), leave a marker.

Rows 4–5: st/st.

Row 6: k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1(5).

Row 7: p.

Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Materials

DK (8-ply) yarn: 10g (1/3oz) of light grey and small amounts of white, dark brown and brown

Stuffing

Size

Adult 5cm (2in) high

Cub: 3cm (1 1/4in) high

Difficulty level

Advanced

Ears: make two

Cast on 4 sts with light grey yarn and k 1 row. Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Tail

As for Mother.

Making up

Follow the sewing instructions for the Mother. Embroider the centre of the Cub's ears with French knots in white yarn if you wish. Sew the Cub to the back of the Mother.



Panda

Instructions

Body

With black yarn, cast on 25 sts.
Rows 1–6: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 7: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (22).

Row 8: Cast off 3 sts, change to white yarn, p to end (19).

Row 9: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (22).

Row 10: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (25).

Rows 11–16: st/st.

Row 17: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (22).

Row 18: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (19).

Row 19: Change to black yarn. Cast on 3 sts, k these 3 sts, k5, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k to end (20).

Row 20: Cast on 3 sts, p to end (23).

Rows 21–24: st/st.

Row 25: Cast off 3 sts, k to end (20).

Row 26: Cast off 3 sts, p to end (17).

Cast off.

Head

With white yarn, cast on 4 sts (leave a long end for sewing).

Row 1: p.

Row 2: Cast on 3 sts, k to end (7).

Row 3: Cast on 3 sts p to end (10).

Row 4: Cast on 2 sts, k to end (12).

Row 5: Cast on 2 sts, p to end (14), leave a marker.

Row 6: (k3, kf/b) 3 times, k2 (17).

Rows 7–10: st/st.

Row 11: (p2tog) to last st, p1 (9).

Rows 12–13: st/st.

Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Ears: make two

With black yarn, cast on 7 sts.

Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Following page 21, steps 1 and 2, make each ear into a half-circle.

Eyes: make two

Make the eyes, as shown on page 21, starting with black yarn and adding French knots in white yarn.

Tail

Cast on 10 sts with white yarn.

Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle and pull tightly to make a bobble.

Making up

Sew each hind leg from the foot, using overcast stitches. Sew the under-body flaps along the cast-off edge. Sew each front leg from the foot. Stuff the legs and close the belly. Using the yarn left over

Materials

DK (8-ply) yarn: 5g (1/16oz) white and 5g (1/16oz) black and a small amount of dark brown

Stuffing

Size

7cm (2 3/4in) tall

Difficulty level

Advanced

at the fastened-off end, sew the head up to the marker. Stuff the head and attach it to the body using mattress stitch. Attach the eyes, ears and tail. Embroider the nose with black yarn and the mouth with two strands of dark brown yarn, as shown.





Safari Mat

Instructions

The mat is a patchwork of many knitted squares. It is a very relaxed project. You can make squares of any size, with any yarn. You can experiment with new stitch patterns. This project also gives a good opportunity for beginners to practise knitting. If you use stocking stitch all the way from the beginning to end, the sides will curl up. Use garter stitch or moss stitch on the four sides. Knit and keep making squares. You can change colours or stitch patterns without breaking the yarn. When you think you have made about 70% of the mat, press the squares with an iron, then arrange and sew them together. See how many more you need, in what size, and make more squares to fill in the space. Here are some suggestions for squares.

Square A

Cast on 22 sts, knit every row (garter stitch) until the work measures 6cm (2 $\frac{3}{8}$ in). Cast off.

Square B

Cast on 22 sts, k 1 row.
Next row: k3, (k1, p1) to last 3 sts, k3.
Rep this row until the work measures 6cm (2 $\frac{3}{8}$ in) and k 1 row.
Cast off.

Square C

Cast on 25 sts, and k 2 rows.
Row 1: (k5, p5) twice, k5.
Row 2: (p5, k5) twice, p5.
Rows 3 and 5: same as row 1.
Rows 4 and 6: same as row 2.
Row 7: (p5, k5) twice, p5.

Row 8: (k5, p5) twice, k5.
Row 9 and 11: same as row 7.
Rows 10 and 12: same as row 8.
Repeat rows 1–12 twice more.
K 2 rows. Cast off.

Square D

Cast on 21 sts.
Row 1: k.
Row 2: k2, p17, k2.
Repeat the last 2 rows until the work measures 5cm (2in) and k 1 row.

Pond

You can make a pond with a crochet circle if you like, but I made an i-cord. Cast on 2 sts and made an i-cord measuring between 80cm (31 $\frac{1}{2}$ in) and 1m (39 $\frac{1}{2}$ in). Fasten off. Roll the i-cord up from the end to make a circle and secure with a few stitches.

Rocks

Cast on 4 sts, k 4 rows. Using the yarn left at the cast-off end, sew the seam. Push the other yarn end inside and close the cast-on



Materials

DK (8-ply yarn):

For the mat: any colours of your choice. The quantity depends on how big you want the mat to be. To make a mat of 40 x 40cm (16 x 16in), you need about 200g (7oz). Small amounts of green for grass and red, yellow, pink for flowers

For three ponds of 7cm (2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in) diameter: 25g (1oz) blue

For the rocks: 20g (¾oz) grey or light brown

Needles

A pair of 3mm (UK 11, US 2 or 3) knitting needles

Difficulty level

Beginner



Note

The mat shown opposite, which was used for all the pictures of the completed safari park, is about four times bigger than the size given in the pattern. To make one this size, you would need about 800g (28oz) of yarn. You can vary the sizes by changing the stitches and numbers of rows. You can also use Aran or chunky yarn, or knit with 2 strands of DK (8-ply) yarn. Make crochet clusters instead of knitting the rocks, if you prefer. You can use rocks to fill the little gaps around the pond, or knit small triangular pieces by decreasing the stitches on one side.