

Muster the Lamb

A basic pattern for a small toy lamb suitable for babies and young children

Use your imagination to make your lamb as individual as you like. Any accessories must be attached securely; features are to be embroidered – no buttons or beads please. Yarn and filling to be machine washable – have fun!

Materials

Small amounts of DK yarn are used

Colour A for legs, arm, head and ears

Colour B for body

Scrap of black to embroider features

New, clean, washable toy stuffing

3.25mm knitting needles

Darning needle



Abbreviations

K knit

P purl

RS right side

WS wrong side

m1 make one stitch, lift loop between stitches and knit through back of the loop

kfb knit into the front and back of the next stitch (makes 1)

garter stitch knit all rows

st st stocking stitch, knit right side rows, purl wrong side rows

k2tog knit 2 stitches together

ssk slip 2 stitches knit wise one at a time, return to left needle and knit together through back of loops

sts stitches

The legs, body and head are knitted in one piece. The ears are knitted separately and sewn in place and the arm stitches are picked up after and knitted on

Left leg (front)

In Colour A Cast on 4 sts

Row 1: purl

Row 2: k1, m1, k2, m1, k1 (6sts)

Row 3: purl

Row 4: k1, m1, k4, m1, k1 (8sts)

Row 5 to 17: starting with a purl row, work 13 rows in stocking stitch

Leave stitches on a spare needle

Right leg

Work as for left leg





Head (front)

Change yarn – Colour A

Rows 1 to 14 - 14 rows stocking stitch (12 sts)

Change yarn – Colour B

Row 15: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (10 sts)

Row 16: knit

Row 17: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (8 sts)

Row 18: knit

Row 19: kfb, knit to last st, kfb (10 sts)

Row 20: knit

Row 21: kfb, knit to last st, kfb (12 sts)

Row 22: Knit 1 row

Head (back)

Change yarn - Colour A

With RS facing

Rows 23 – 36 – 14 rows st st starting with a knit row (12 sts)

Body (back)

Change yarn to colour B

Row 1: knit

Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb (14 sts)

Row 3: kfb, k to last st, kfb (16 sts)

Rows 4 to 34 – garter st 31 rows (knit every row)

Ending with a WS row

Legs (back)

**Change to colour A

Row 1: Knit 8, turn

Work 13 rows in st st on these 8 sts leaving the remaining stitches on a stitch holder

Row14: k1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1

Row15: purl

Row16: k1, ssk, k2tog, k1

Row 17: purl

Cut yarn approx. 15cm, thread through sts.

Re-join yarn and repeat from ** for second leg on remaining 8 stitches

Body (front)

Continue in Colour B

Transfer both legs onto one needle with RS facing
Row 1: Knit across both legs ensuring that both RS are facing the same way (16 sts)

Rows 2 to 31: Continue in garter stitch (all rows knit) for 30 rows

Row 32: WS facing – k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (14sts)

Row 33: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, K2tog (12 sts)

Row34: knit





Ears (make2)

In Colour A, cast on 4 sts

Row1: p4

Row 2: k4

Row 3: p4

Row 4: k2tog, ssk

Row 5: p2tog

Cut yarn approx. 15cm, fasten off last stitch and carry yarn down side of ear – on the opposite side to the cast on tail.

To make up

Attach ears securely to sides of head (front) using the tails

Fold lamb, right sides together at the head
Stitch seams using appropriate colours – both sides of head and shoulders, encasing the ear seam as you go.

Arms (make 2)

Open the two halves of the body and with RS facing, using colour B pick up 7 stitches below the shoulder on both sides of body, starting at one under arm and finishing at other under arm (14stitches)



Continue making up

Fold body RS together and sew all remaining seams leaving one side of the body open to turn right side out,
Stuff using a knitting needle or chop stick to reach into arms and legs

Sew final seam.

Embroider the eyes, nose and mouth making sure ends are fastened securely within the stuffing

Using Colour A gently gather at neck using a running stitch and securely fastening ends if liked.

Work 7 rows in garter st ending on a WS row

Change yarn to colour A with RS facing

Continue working in stocking st for 10 rows

Next row

K1, ssk, k2, k2tog, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1

Cut yarn approx. 15cm, thread through stitches to fasten off.



Feel free to personalise this basic pattern with your own colours, embellishments and accessories keeping in mind that they need to be suitable for a baby