

THE KNITTED PUPPET

1. Cast on 32 stitches
2. Knit 6 rows in stretchy moss stitch (1st row Knit 1, Purl 1 etc; 2nd row Purl 1, Knit 1 etc)
3. Knit 6 rows in stocking stitch (plain one side and purl the other)
4. Decrease 1 stitch (Knit 2 stitches together) at the beginning and end of the next row
5. Repeat the last 7 rows two more times
6. Knit 8 rows on 26 stitches
7. Cast on 6 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows for the arms
8. On 38 stitches knit 12 rows
9. Cast off 10 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows for the shoulders
10. On 18 stitches change wool to the colour you want the puppet's skin to be
11. Increase one stitch at beginning of next 8 rows
12. On 26 stitches knit 10 rows
13. Decrease one stitch at beginning of next 8 rows
14. Cast off 16 stitches
15. Knit another piece the same
16. Knit an extra head - i.e. cast on 18 stitches and knit as from 10 - 14
17. Sew eyes, a nose and mouth onto the puppet's face
18. Sew together the face and the extra head piece, right sides together and leaving neck open. Turn right side out and stuff. Sew neck seam to keep stuffing in. This makes the head less floppy.
19. Sew the puppet right sides together; then turn right sides out.
20. Make hair from wool or other material available
21. Decorate puppet with extra clothes, badges, ribbons, buttons etc. as appropriate

