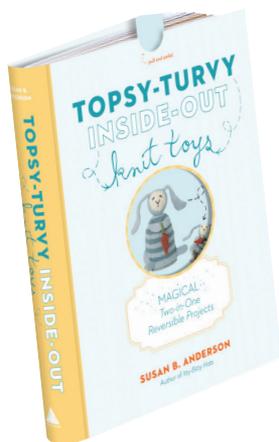


# EGG TO TURTLE

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#### PATTERN NOTE:

Abbreviations, techniques, and tutorials are all found in *Topsy-Turvy Inside-Out Knit Toys*.



Available in late March wherever books are sold.

**Finished Measurement:** 3 inches in length

Quince & Co. Lark (100% American wool; 50 grams/134 yards/123 meters), worsted weight; 1 hank each in the following colorways:

#### YARN

**For the Egg:** Egret #101

**For the pink Turtle:** Petal #111 for the body; Sorbet #117 (Color A) and Dogwood #135 (Color B) for the shell

**For the green Turtle:** Snap Pea #128 for the body; Parsley #129 (Color A) and Split Pea #130 (Color B) for the shell

**For the gray Turtle:** Bird's Egg #106 for the body; Storm #104 (Color A) and Egret #101 (Color B) for the shell

#### NEEDLES

U.S. size 3 (3.25 mm) double-pointed needles, set of four, or size to obtain gauge

Note: If this size of needle is too tight, feel free to go up a size or two. Your turtle will then be slightly larger.

#### GAUGE

7 stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

#### NOTIONS

Detachable stitch markers  
Ruler or tape measure  
Yarn needle  
Scissors  
Small amount of fiberfill  
Black embroidery floss

#### EGG

##### Increase Rounds

With Egret, cast on 9 stitches, placing 3 stitches on each of three double-pointed needles. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch.

**Rnd 1:** Knit.

**Rnd 2:** (k1, m1, k1, m1, k1), repeat on each needle (5 sts per needle, 15 sts total).

**Rnd 3:** Knit.

**Rnd 4:** \*K1, (m1, k1) four times, repeat from \* on each needle (9 sts per needle, 27 sts total).

**Rnd 5:** Knit.

**Rnd 6:** (k1, m1, k8), repeat on each needle (10 sts per needle, 30 sts total).

Place a stitch marker on Round 6 and leave it there. Turn and begin working back and forth in stockinette stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row), starting with a purl row. This will create the opening in the Egg. Work for 2 inches above the stitch marker. End with a knit row.

##### Decrease Rounds

Begin working in the round again.

**Rnd 1:** (k3, k2tog), repeat to the end of the round (8 sts per needle, 24 sts total rem).

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

**Rnd 3:** (k2, k2tog), repeat to the end of the round (6 sts per needle, 18 sts total rem).

**Rnd 4:** Knit.

**Rnd 5:** (k1, k2tog), repeat to the end of the round (4 sts per needle, 12 sts total rem).

**Rnd 6:** Knit.

**Rnd 7:** K2tog, repeat to the end of the round (2 sts per needle, 6 sts total rem).

Cut the yarn and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches, tighten to close the hole, and stitch to secure. Weave the end to the inside and trim. Thread the end from the cast-on stitches on a yarn needle, stitch through all of the cast-on stitches, tighten to close the hole, and stitch to secure. Weave the end to the inside and trim. Set the Egg aside.

## TURTLE

### TAIL

Starting with the selected color for the Turtle's body, cast on 6 stitches, placing 2 stitches on each of three double-pointed needles. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch.

**Rnds 1–4:** Knit.

**Rnd 5:** (k1, m1, k1), repeat on each needle (3 sts per needle, 9 sts total).

### BODY

Continue on the same as for the Egg, starting with Round 1 of the Increase Rounds and ending with Round 6 of the Decrease Rounds (4 sts per needle, 12 sts total).

### HEAD

**Rnd 1:** (k1, k2tog, k1), repeat on each needle (3 sts per needle, 9 sts total rem).

**Rnd 2:** (k1, m1, k1, m1, k1), repeat on each needle (5 sts per needle, 15 sts total).

**Rnds 3–8:** Knit.

**Rnd 9:** (k3, k2tog), repeat on each needle (4 sts per needle, 12 sts total rem).

**Rnd 10:** (k2, k2tog), repeat on each needle (3 sts per needle, 9 sts total rem).

Stuff the head with fiberfill. Cut the yarn and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull through the remaining stitches and tighten to close the hole. Pull the end to the inside and through the neck opening. Take a few stitches around the inside of the neck opening to tighten it so the fiberfill stays in place. Weave in the end and trim on the inside.

### SHELL

Flatten out the body with the opening facing down, and the tail end closest to you.

Pick up 36 stitches (12 sts per needle) around the outer edge of the body, starting at the center of the tail.

With Color A, begin working in the round, starting at the tail and working up the left side. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch of the round.

**Rnd 1:** Knit.

**Rnd 2:** (k3, kfb), repeat to the end of the round (15 sts per needle, 45 sts total).

**Rnd 3:** Purl.

**Rnd 4:** Knit.

Switch to Color B.

**Rnd 5:** (k1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts, ssk, k1), repeat on each needle.

**Rnd 6:** Knit.

**Rnds 7–10:** Switching colors every two rounds, repeat Rounds 5 and 6 two more times (9 sts per needle, 27 sts total rem).

**Rnd 11:** (k1, k2tog), repeat to the end of the round (6 sts per needle, 18 sts total rem).

**Rnd 12:** Knit the first 9 sts onto Needle 1, knit the last 9 sts onto Needle 2.

Cut the yarn to a generous length and place the end on a yarn needle. Use the Kitchener stitch to graft the top of the shell closed.

### LEG (make 4)

On each of 2 parallel double-pointed needles, pick up 4 stitches placed a couple of rows down from the picked-up round of the shell. With the selected yarn color for the leg, begin working in the round. Note: For right-side legs, start working on the top needle; for left-side legs, start working on the bottom needle.

**Rnds 1–3:** Knit.

**Rnd 4:** K2, k2tog, ssk, k2 (3 sts per needle, 6 sts total rem).

**Rnd 5:** K1, k2tog, ssk, k1 (2 sts per needle, 4 sts total rem).

**Rnd 6:** K2tog, ssk (2 sts rem).

Cut the yarn and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches. Pull the end to the inside and trim.

### FACE

With a length of embroidery floss placed on a yarn needle, take a small horizontal stitch for the eye and a tiny vertical stitch at the center of the eye stitch to pull it upward. For the mouth, take 2 straight stitches to form a V shape. Pull all ends to the inside and trim.

## FINISHING

Place the Egg inside the Turtle with the wrong sides together. With a length of Egret placed on a yarn needle, whipstitch the opening edges together. While you are stitching the edges together, stretch the opening often, so it doesn't get too tight.



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