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Toys are a wonderful gift, but knitted toys make a truly special heirloom.

Here are five free knitted toy patterns for you; there's sure to be one for each child in your life!

The **Nordic Striped Ball** is as fun to knit as it is to play with! You'll love learning new techniques as you make this knitted toy.

Every child wants a pony and now they can have one! The **Connemara Pony** is a darling knit toy that's sure to become a favorite bedtime buddy.

The **Little Lamb Sock Critter** is an absolutely precious knitted toy that kids will love to cuddle with. It's a really fun knit, too—the pattern is based on a sock knitting design!

Who wouldn't want one of our **Knitted Cuddlies**? Perfect for cuddling, of course, and also a perfect shower gift!

What could be more fun than waking up to a tiny Santa on Christmas morning? Knit a **Father Christmas** for each of your children and leave them peeking out of each kid's stocking!

Have fun,

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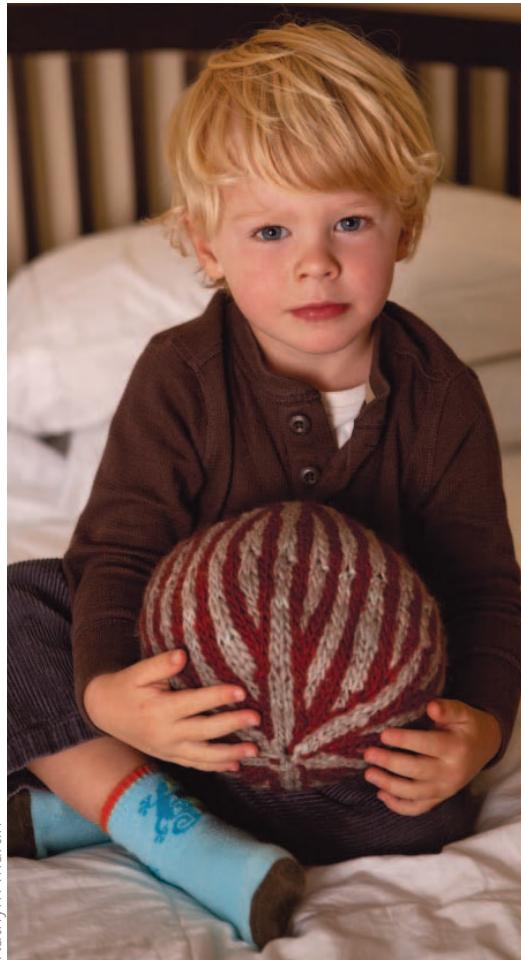
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Nordic Striped Ball

design by Lisa Shroyer

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A knitted sphere is just so much fun. I got the idea for this stripe pattern from Vibeke Lind's *Knitting in the Nordic Tradition* (Sterling, 1998), from a passage where she talks about options for the crown shaping on a two-color striped hat. Working a provisional cast-on at the equator of the ball, I worked the two shaped ends of this ball like the crown of a hat for a neat, perfectly round shape.

Finished Size: About 23" circumference, stuffed.

Yarn: Manos del Uruguay Wool Clásica (100% wool; 138 yd [126 m]/100 g): #U red-brown (red) and #F green, 1 skein each. Yarn distributed by Fairmount Fibers.

Needles: Size 10 (6 mm): 16" circular (cir) and set of double-pointed (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions: Size J/10 (6 mm) crochet hook; waste yarn; marker (m); tapestry needle; polyfill stuffing.

Gauge: 16 sts and 16 rnds = 4" in stranded stripe patt. Stuffing will distort gauge; gauge is not critical for this project.

Skill Level: Intermediate.

BALL

With crochet hook and waste yarn, chain (see Glossary) 121 sts. Fasten off. With cir needle, green, and red, pick up and knit 120 sts along back of chain (picking up 1 st in each bump) as foll: *Pick up and knit 2 sts with green, pick up and knit 2 sts with red; rep from * to end, leaving last ch unworked—120 sts. With RS still facing, place marker (pm) and join in the rnd. Work in St st, working stripes as established (2 sts green, 2 sts red), for 5 rnds. **Shape ball:**

Dec Rnd 1: *K2 green, sssk with red (over 2 red sts and 1 green st), k1 green, [k2 red, k2 green] 2 times, k2 red, k1

green, k3tog with red (over 1 green st and 2 red sts); rep from * 5 more times—96 sts rem.

Work 1 rnd even, working sts in colors as they appear.

Dec Rnd 2: *K2 green, ssk with red (over 1 red st and 1 green st), [k2 red, k2 green] 2 times, k2 red, k2tog with red (over 1 green st and 1 red st); rep from * 5 more times—84 sts rem.

Work 1 rnd even, working sts in colors as they appear.

Dec Rnd 3: *K2 green, ssk with red (over 2 red sts), k1 red, k2 green, k2 red, k2 green, k1 red, k2tog with red (over 2 red sts); rep from * 5 more times—72 sts rem.

Work 1 rnd even, working sts in colors as they appear.

Change to dpn when necessary.

Dec Rnd 4: *K2 green, sssk with red (over 2 red sts and 1 green st), k1 green, k2 red, k1 green, k3tog with red (over 1 green st and 2 red sts); rep from * 5 more times—48 sts rem.

Work 1 rnd even, working sts in colors as they appear.

Dec Rnd 5: *K2 green, ssk with red (over 1 red st and 1 green st), k2 red, k2tog with red (over 1 green st and 1 red st); rep from * 5 more times—36 sts rem.

Work 1 rnd even, working sts in colors as they appear.

Dec Rnd 6: *K2 green, ssk with red, k2tog with red; rep from * 5 more times—24 sts rem.

Work 1 rnd even, working sts in colors as they appear.

Dec Rnd 7: *K2 green, k2tog with red; rep from * 5 more times—18 sts rem.

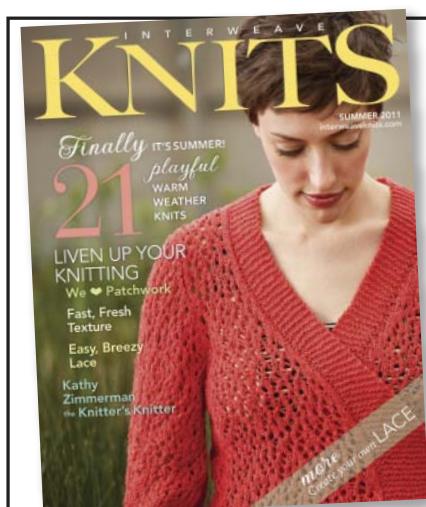
Dec Rnd 8: K1 green, *k3tog with green (over 1 green st, 1 red st, and 1 green st); rep from * 5 more times, working first green st of foll rnd as part of last k3tog—6 sts rem; all sts are now green.

Dec Rnd 9: [K2tog with green] 3 times—3 sts rem. Break yarns, leaving long tails. Thread green onto tapestry needle and draw tail through rem sts. Pull tight to gather sts, knot red and green tails tog and secure to WS of ball. **Second half of ball:** Carefully remove crochet chain and place live sts onto cir needle. Because of the nature of the original CO and alternating colors, and the offset of sts when reversing direction, there will only be 60 live sts on needle—1 st per 2 st stripe; colors alternate as foll: 1 st green, 1 st red. With tips of needle positioned to beg rnd at green stripe that marked beg of rnd when working first half of ball, work an inc rnd as foll: *With green, pick up strand before green st on needle and work an M1 inc with this strand, k2tog (green st on needle with strand that follows it), pick up red strand before red st on needle and work an M1 inc with this strand, k1 red (red st on needle); rep from * around—120 sts: sts alternate 2 green, 2 red. Pm and join in the rnd. Work 5 rnds in established stripe patt. **Shape ball:** Work as for first half of ball, beg with Dec Rnd 1. As hole beg to shrink, stuff ball with polyfill. Stuff heartily, putting more stuffing in than seems necessary and shaping ball as you go. After Dec Rnd 7, stuff hole to the top and push stuffing down so you can work the last rnds. Finish as for first half, sinking tails into ball.

FINISHING

Roll ball around on floor to even out shape. ☐

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Connemara Pony

designed by Kathryn Martin and Evelyn Zlomke

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Kathryn Martin

My first pony was given to me when I was six years old: My mother made his head with one of my father's somewhat worn athletic socks stuffed with cotton balls. An old walking stick of my grandfather's became his body, and two round black buttons gave him sparkling eyes. Two large balls of yarn went into a long, flowing white mane and tail. He quickly became my best-loved, constant companion and the envy of all the equally horse-crazy girls in my neighborhood. I've owned countless real ponies and horses over the years, but never one that inspired quite the same magic as that first white pony. This dapple gray Connemara pony comes close.

Finished Size: 17" from head to rump and about 12½" tall.

Yarn: Classic Elite Montera Heathers (50% llama, 50% wool; 127 yd [116 m]/100 g): #3877 smoke (MC), 2 skeins. Classic Elite Alpaca Sox Hand Dyes (60% alpaca, 20% merino, 20% nylon; 450 yd [411 m]/100 g): #1875 pebbles (CC1), 1 skein.

Classic Elite Lush (50% angora, 50% wool; 123 yd [112 m]/50 g): #4413 black (CC2), 2 skeins.

Needles: Size 7 (4.5 mm): two 16" or 24" circulars (cir), or one of each length. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions: Markers (m); stitch holders; tapestry needle; two $\frac{7}{8}$ " oval buttons; 12" x 12" square of black felt; sewing needle; black sewing thread; batting; 4 plastic flexible drinking straws.

Gauge: 16 sts and 22 rnds = 4" in St st with 1 strand each of MC and CC1 held tog.

Skill Level: Intermediate.

NOTES

- All stitches for top half of horse are carried on Needle 1; all those for bottom half are on Needle 2. Most work is done in the round, but short-row shaping is done in rows.
- Body pieces are worked with one strand Montera and one strand Alpaca Sox held together.
- It is helpful to knit horse on two different-looking needles in order to more easily differentiate between Needle 1 and Needle 2.

HEAD AND BODY

Head: With one strand each of MC and CC1 held tog and using the invisible-provisional method (see Glossary), CO 7 sts onto Needle 1 and 7 sts onto Needle 2—14 sts. Join for working in the rnd. Knit 1 rnd. *Inc rnd: *K1, M1, knit to last st on Needle 1, M1, k1; rep from * on Needle 2—4 sts inc'd.* Rep Inc rnd every rnd 3 more times—30 sts: 15 sts each needle. Work 5 rnds even in St st. *Dec rnd: *K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts on Needle 1, k2tog, k1; rep from * on Needle 2—4 sts dec'd.* Rep Dec rnd every other rnd 2 more times—18 sts rem: 9 sts each needle. Work 4 rnds even in St st. Work Inc rnd every other rnd 6 times—42 sts: 21 sts each needle. **Divide for top of head:** Work back and forth on Needle 1 only. Dec row: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1, turn—19 sts rem. Next row: (WS) Sl 1 pwise, purl to end, turn. Dec row: Sl 1 pwise, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1, turn—2 sts dec'd. Rep last 2 rows 6 more times—5 sts rem. Work 1 WS row. **Shape back of head and jaw:** With RS facing, sl 1, k4, pick up and knit 7 sts along slip st selvedge edge of Needle 1 sts; knit sts on Needle 2; with Needle 1, pick up and knit 7 sts along slip st selvedge edge—40 sts: 19 sts on Needle 1, 21 sts on Needle 2. Knit to end of Needle 2. Note: The foll sections use short-rows (see Glossary) that cont past the end of rnd. *Dec row: Needle 1: k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; Needle 2: k8, turn—38 sts rem: 17 sts on Needle 1, 21 sts on Needle 2. Next row: (WS) Needle 2: sl 1, place marker (pm), purl to end of needle; Needle 1: purl; Needle 2: p8, turn.*

Row 1: (RS) Needle 2: sl 1, pm, knit to last 3 sts of needle, k2tog, k1; Needle 1: k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts of needle, k2tog, k1; Needle 2: k1, ssk, knit to m, remove m, wrap slipped st, turn—4 sts dec'd.

Row 2: (WS) Needle 2: sl 1, pm, purl to end of needle; Needle 1: purl; Needle 2: purl to m, remove m, wrap slipped st, turn.

Rep last 2 rows once more—30 sts rem: 13 sts on Needle 1, 17 sts on Needle 2. Next row: (RS) Needle 2: sl 1, pm, k2tog, k1; Needle 1: knit; Needle 2: k1, ssk, remove m, wrap slipped st, turn—28 sts rem: 13 sts on Needle 1, 15 sts on Needle 2. Next row: (WS) Needle 2: pm, sl 1, purl to end of needle; Needle 1: purl; Needle 2: purl to m, remove m, wrap slipped st, pm, turn. **Shape throat:** (RS) Needle 2: sl 1, knit to last st of needle, M1, k1; Needle 1: knit; Needle 2: k1, M1, knit to m, remove m, work wrap tog with wrapped st, pm, turn—2 sts inc'd. Next row: (WS) Needle 2: sl 1, purl to end of needle; Needle 1: purl; Needle 2: purl to m, remove m, work wrap tog with wrapped st, pm, turn.

Rep last 2 rows 2 more times—34 sts: 13 sts on Needle 1, 21 sts on Needle 2; all wraps have been worked. With RS facing, remove m, knit to end of Needle 2.

Shape neck: (RS) Needle 1: knit; Needle 2: k1, M1, k7, remove m, k2, M1, pm, k1, M1, k9, M1, k1—38 sts: 13 sts on Needle 1, 25 sts on Needle 2. Knit 1 rnd. Next rnd: Needle 1: knit; Needle 2: k1, M1, knit to m, M1, sl m, k1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—4 sts inc'd. Rep last 2 rnds 3 more times—54 sts: 13 sts on Needle 1, 41 sts on Needle 2. Sl 4 sts from each end of Needle 2 onto Needle 1—21 sts on Needle 1, 33 sts on Needle 2. **Body:** Work even in St st until piece measures 7" from last inc. **Shape hindquarters:** Needle 1: knit; Needle 2: knit to 2 sts before m, k2tog, k1, ssk, knit to end—2 sts dec'd. Next rnd: Knit. Rep last 2 rnds 5 more times—42 sts: 21 sts each needle. Next rnd: Needle 1: k8, k2tog, pm, k1, ssk, knit to end of needle; Needle 2: knit to 2 sts before m, k2tog, k1, ssk, knit to end—38 sts rem: 19 sts each needle. Next rnd: Needle 1: *knit to 2 sts before m, k2tog, k1, ssk, knit to end of needle; rep from * on Needle 2—4 sts dec'd. Rep last rnd 4 more times—18 sts rem: 9 sts each needle. Break yarns, leaving 15" tails. Sl first 4 sts from Needle 2 onto Needle 1; sl last 4 sts from Needle 1 onto Needle 2. Place sts on holders.

LEG (MAKE 4)

Hoof: With one strand each of MC and CC2 held tog, CO 20 sts and arrange as foll: 10 sts Needle 1, 10 sts Needle 2. Join in the rnd. Work in rev St st (purl every rnd) until piece measures 1½" from CO. Break CC2 and join CC1. **Leg:** With 1 strand each of MC and CC1 held tog, work 6" in St st. BO all sts, leaving a long tail.

NOSTRIL (MAKE 2)

With CC2 and leaving a long tail, CO 1 st; transfer st to left needle. (K1, yo, k1, yo, k1) in same st, turn. K5, turn. K5tog. Break yarn, leaving a long tail, and fasten off st.

EAR (MAKE 2)

With MC, CO 9 sts. Slipping first st of each row, work 4 rows in St st, ending with a WS row.

Row 5: Sl 1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1—7 sts rem.

Row 6: Sl 1, purl to end.

Row 7: Sl 1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1—5 sts rem.

Row 8: Sl 1, purl to end.

Row 9: Sl 1, sl 2 as if to k2tog, k1, p2sso, k1—3 sts rem.

Row 10: Sl 1, purl to end.

Row 11: Sl 2 as if to k2tog, k1, p2sso; break yarn and fasten off rem st.

FINISHING

Cut black felt into circles to fit bottoms of hooves. With sewing needle and sewing thread, sew felt to bottom of leg. Stuff body and legs with batting. Insert a straw into each leg. Remove waste yarn from provisional CO and arrange sts evenly onto two needles. Graft sts tog using Kitchener st (see Glossary). Graft hindquarters tog using Kitchener st. With CC2 threaded on a tapestry needle, embroider mouth using backstitch (see Glossary). Sew legs to horse at fore and rear flanks. Sew on nostrils. Fold ears in half lengthwise with St st side to outside, and with corners facing forward, attach to head with back of ears in line with shaping line for back of head. With sewing needle and thread, sew eyes to face, making sure to sew securely. With MC, sew a few sts at throat to shape.

Mane and forelock: Cut fifteen 8" lengths of CC2. Using a separate 9" length of CC2, tie the 15 strands tog in the center to make one "tuft." Rep 21 more times—22 tufts. With CC2 threaded on a tapestry needle, sew tufts into place along the top line of the forelock, poll, and neck. **Tail:** Cut enough 22" lengths of CC2 to give the tail ample fullness. Divide the cut strands into two groups. Tie each group to form a tuft. Position tufts in the desired tail position and sew in place. ☐

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Little Lamb Sock Critter

Lion Brand Yarn



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This sock-inspired stuffed sheep is cuddly and adorable!

Finished Size: One size; about 9½" (24 cm) tall.

Yarn: 620-099 Lion Brand Wool-Ease Yarn; Fisherman 1 Ball (A); 620-152 Lion Brand Wool-Ease Yarn; Oxford Grey 1 Ball (B).

Needles: Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 5 [3.75 mm]; Lion Brand Double-Pointed Needles - Size 5; Lion Brand Cable Needles (Set of 2); large-eye blunt needles (Set of 6).

Notions: Small amount of contrast yarn; fiberfill stuffing; small piece of black or brown felt; sewing needle and thread.

Gauge: 18 sts + 26 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS). BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you less stitches and rows to make a 4" [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Skill Level: Advanced intermediate.

STITCH EXPLANATION:

Cable Cast On: *Insert right needle between first 2 sts on left needle; wrap yarn and pull through (as if knitting a st); transfer new st to left needle. Rep from * for desired number of sts.

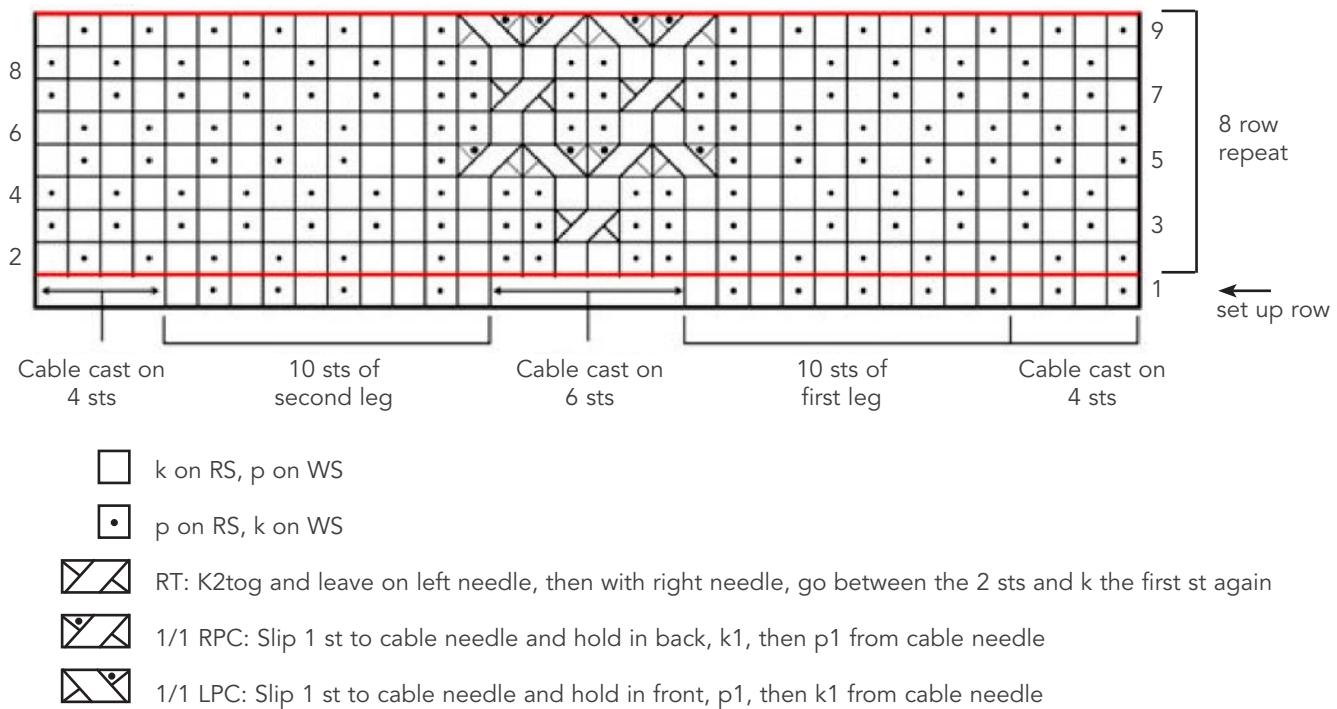
RT (Right Twist): K2tog and leave on left needle, then with right needle, go between the 2 sts and knit the first st again.

1/1 LPC (1 over 1 left purl cross): Slip 1 st to cable needle and hold in front, p1, then k1 from cable needle.

1/1 RPC (1 over 1 right purl cross): Slip 1 st to cable needle and hold in back, k1, then p1 from cable needle.

kfb (knit in front and back): Knit next st without removing it from left needle, then k through back of same st – 1 st increased.

Body Chart



ssk (slip, slip, knit): Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them tog – 1 st decreased.

ssp (slip, slip, purl): Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; pass them back to left needle; purl them tog through back loops – 1 st decreased.

PATTERN EXPLANATION

Moss St (multiple of 2)

Rows 1 and 2: *P1, k1; rep from * across.

Rows 3 and 4: *K1, p1; rep from * across.

Rep Rows 1-4 for Moss st.

NOTES

- If desired, 2 double pointed needles can be substituted for straight knitting needles. When working in rows on 2 double pointed needles, take care that sts do not drop off the ends of the needles by wrapping one end of each double pointed needle with an elastic band.
- Body and legs are worked back and forth in rows; head is worked in a similar way to knitting a sock; arms, ears and tail are worked in the round.

- Pattern is written for a Critter with felt eyes. Do NOT use button eyes if Critter is for a child.

LAMB

LEG (make 2)

With straight needles and B, and leaving a long beg tail, cast on 8 sts. Work back and forth in rows.

Row 1 (RS): Kfb in each st across – 16 sts at the end of this row.

Rows 2-6: Beg with a WS row, work in St st (k on RS, p on WS). Change to A.

Row 7: With A, knit.

Row 8: *K1, p1; rep from * across.

Rows 9 and 10: With A, work Rows 1 and 2 of Moss st.

Rows 11 and 12: With A, work Rows 3 and 4 of Moss st. Rep last 4 rows once more.

Next Row (WS): Bind off 3 sts, work in Moss st as established to end of row – 13 sts at the end of this row.

Next Row: Bind off 3 sts, work in Moss st as established to end of row – 10 sts at the end of this row. Cut yarn. Thread contrast yarn through Leg sts and set Leg aside. Make a second Leg in same way, but keep sts on needle and do not cut yarn.

Both Legs: Thread beg tail (at cast on) into blunt needle and weave through cast-on rnd. Pull tog tightly and fasten off.

BODY

Notes:

- Pattern sts on Body can be worked from chart OR by following written instructions below.
- On Row 1, remove contrast yarn from Leg sts as you knit them.

Row 1 (RS): With RS of second Leg facing, and using working yarn from second Leg, cable cast on 4 sts, (p1, k1) twice across these 4 sts, (p1, k1) 5 times over sts of second Leg, turn, cable cast on 6 sts, turn, working across sts of first Leg, k1, p1, k2, (p1, k1) 3 times, turn, cable cast on 4 sts – 34 sts at the end of this row.

Row 2 (WS): (P1, k1) 5 times, p2, k1, p1, k2, p2, k2, (p1, k1) 7 times.

Row 3: (K1, p1) 5 times, k2, p1, k1, p2, RT, p2, (k1, p1) 7 times.

Row 4: (K1, p1) 7 times, k2, p2, k2, p1, k1, p2, (k1, p1) 5 times.

Row 5: (P1, k1) 6 times, p1, (1/1 LPC, 1/1 RPC) twice, p1, k2, (p1, k1) 5 times.

Row 6: (P1, k1) 5 times, (p2, k2) 3 times, (p1, k1) 6 times.

Row 7: (K1, p1) 5 times, k2, (p2, RT) twice, p2, (k1, p1) 6 times.

Row 8: (K1, p1) 6 times, (k2, p2) 3 times, (k1, p1) 5 times.

Row 9: (P1, k1) 6 times, p1, (1/1 RPC, 1/1 LPC) twice, p1, k2, (p1, k1) 5 times.

Rows 10-17: Rep Rows 2-9.

Rows 18-22: Rep Rows 2-6.

Row 23: K2tog, (p1, k1) across to last 2 sts, ssp – 32 sts.

Divide sts onto 3 double pointed needles as follows: 8 sts on needle #1, 16 sts on needle #2, and 8 sts on needle #3. Join for working in the rnd. Place marker for beg of rnd.

Rnds 24-30: *K1, p1; rep from * around.

SHAPE HEAD

Note: Back and top of head are worked in rows across sts on needles #1 and #3 only (as when working a sock heel). The sts on needle #2 will be worked later, when shaping face.

Back of Head

Row 1: With A, (k1, p1) 4 times across sts on needle #1, turn.

Row 2: (K1, p1) 4 times across sts on needle #1, then (k1, p1) 4 times across needle #3, turn. Work back and forth across 16 sts on needles #1 and #3 only.

Rows 3 and 4: (P1, k1) 8 times.

Rows 5 and 6: (K1, p1) 8 times.

Rows 7 and 8: Rep Rows 3 and 4.

Rows 9-12: Rep Rows 5-8.

SHAPE TOP OF HEAD

Note: Beg short row shaping for top of head as follows:

Row 1: Sl 1, (p1, k1) 4 times, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, k1, p1, k1, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, (p1, k1) twice, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, (k1, p1) twice, k1, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 5: Sl 1, (p1, k1) 3 times, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 6: Sl 1, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, p2tog, p1, turn – 10 head sts rem.

Shape Face

Note: Work now proceeds in the rnd. Sts are worked all the way around the edges of the top and back of head, and over the held sts on needle #2 to complete the first rnd.

Set Up Rnd (RS): On needle #1, k across 10 rem sts of head, pick up and knit 10 sts along side of back of head; on needle #2, k6, ssk, k2tog, k6; on needle #3, pick up and knit 10 sts along other side of back of head; then k across first 5 head sts (the same sts worked at the beg of this rnd) – 44 sts at the end of this rnd. Place marker for beg of rnd.

Rnd 1: On needle #1, k3, ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog; on needle #2, k5, ssk, k2tog, k5; on needle #3, ssk, k to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 – 38 sts at the end of this rnd.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rnd 3: On needle #1, k3, ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog; on needle #2, k; on needle #3, ssk, k to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 – 34 sts at the end of this rnd.

Rnd 4: Knit. Cut A and continue with B only for face.

Rnd 5: With B on needle #1, k3, ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog; on needle #2, k across; on needle #3, ssk, k to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 – 30 sts at the end of this rnd.

Rnd 6: Knit.

Rnds 7 – 9: Rep Rnds 5 and 6 – 22 sts at the end of Rnd 9.

Rnds 10 – 12: Knit. At the end of Rnd 12, beg stuffing head, and continue to stuff head as work progresses.

Rnd 13: K2, k2tog, k5, ssk, k2tog, k5, ssk, k2 – 18 sts at the end of this rnd.

Rnd 14: Knit.

Rnd 15: K1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k2tog, k4, ssk, k1 – 14 sts at the end of this rnd.

Rnd 16: K2tog, k3, ssk, k2tog, k3, ssk – 10 sts at the end of this rnd. Cut yarn. Thread tail into blunt needle and thread through rem sts. Finish stuffing head, then pull sts tog tightly and fasten off.

ARM (MAKE 2)

With double pointed needles and B and leaving a long beg tail, cast on 8 sts. Divide sts evenly onto 4 double pointed needles. Join, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker for beg of rnd.

Rnd 1: Kfb in each st around – 16 sts at the end of this rnd.

Rnds 2-6: Work in St st worked in the rnd (k every rnd).

Rnd 7: Change to A, work in St st.

Rnd 8: *K1, p1; rep from * around.

Rnds 9 and 10: *P1, k1; rep from * around.

Rnds 11 and 12: *K1, p1; rep from * around. Rep last

4 rnds once more. Bind off. Cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing. Thread beg tail (at cast on) into blunt needle and weave through sts of cast-on rnd. Pull tog tightly and fasten off. Stuff Arm lightly.

EAR (MAKE 2)

With double pointed needles and A and leaving a long beg tail, cast on 8 sts. Divide sts evenly onto 4 double pointed needles. Join, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker for beg of rnd.

Rnd 1: Kfb in each st around – 16 sts at the end of this rnd.

Rnds 2 and 3: *P1, k1; rep from * around.

Rnds 4 and 5: *K1, p1; rep from * around.

Rnds 6 and 7: Rep Rnds 2 and 3.

Rnds 8 and 9: Rep Rnds 4 and 5.

Rnds 10 and 11: Rep Rnds 2 and 3. Rep last 4 rnds once more. Bind off. Cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing. Thread beg tail into blunt needle and weave through sts of cast-on rnd. Pull tog tightly and fasten off. Do not stuff Ears.

TAIL

Make same as for Ear. Do not stuff Tail.

FINISHING

Sew opening between legs closed. Stuff body, then sew body closed. Seam Legs, stuff lightly before finishing seam. Sew top edge of Arms closed, then sew Arms to Body. Sew Ears to sides of Head. Flatten Tail and sew to back of Body. From felt, cut 3 small circles for eyes and nose. With sewing needle and thread, sew felt circles to face. **To allow Critter to sit:** With matching yarn, sew a straight line across lower edge of body just above top of Legs, sewing through all layers and pushing stuffing slightly to either side of stitching. Weave in ends. ☐

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Knitted Cuddlies

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Excerpted from *Natural Knits for Babies and Moms* (Interweave, 2006)



Stephen Jessup

This really is the easiest pattern ever written for a knitted toy animal, but once you assemble the simple knitted rectangles and add distinguishing features, it will become a favorite member of the family. In our house, we have Mr. Pickles the Teddy, Sparks the Cat, and Florence the Rabbit, each with a huge personality of its own.

Finished Size: Rabbit: 11" (28 cm); Cat: 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (22 cm); Teddy Bear: 11" (28 cm).

Yarn: Cat (As shown here): Green Mountain Spinnery Cotton Comfort (20% organic cotton, 80% fine wool; 180 yd [165 m]/2 oz): #6-S silver (MC) and #6-SM storm (dark grey, CC), 1 skein each; (3) Light DK weight: about 80 yd (73 m) MC and 55 yd (50 m) CC.

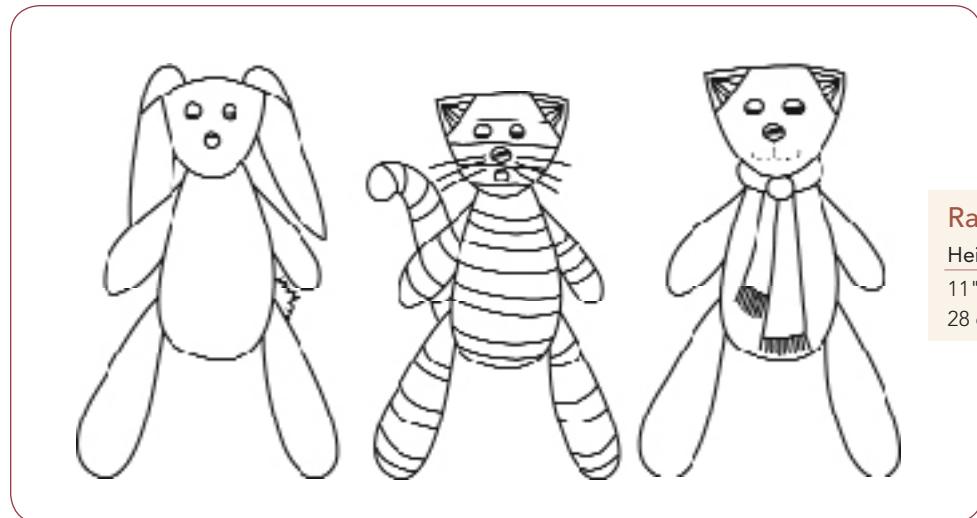
Rabbit (As shown here): Blue Sky Alpacas Organic Cotton (100% organic cotton; 150 yd [137 m]/100 g): #82 nut (brown, MC), 1 ball; #81 sand (light tan, CC), 1 ball; dark brown wool yarn, 1–2 yd (1–2 m) for embroidery on face. (4) Worsted weight: about 75 yd (69 m) MC, 40 yd (37 m) CC, and 1–2 yd (1–2 m) of a second contrasting color for embroidery on face.

Teddy Bear (As shown here): Vreeseis Fox Fibre Chenille (100% cotton; 1000 yd [914 m]/1 lb): brown (MC), less than 1 cone; white cotton yarn (CC), about 10 yd (9 m) for scarf and face embroidery. (4) Worsted weight: about 95 yd (87 m) MC and 10 yd (9 m) CC.

Needles: Cat: U.S. size 5 (3.75 mm): straight. Rabbit and Teddy Bear: U.S. size 7 (4.5 mm): straight. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions: Tapestry needle; about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz (100 g) environmentally friendly stuffing; small crochet hook for attaching fringe to teddy bear's scarf (optional).

Gauge: Cat: 21 sts and 29 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st. Rabbit and Teddy Bear: 17 sts and 23 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st.



Rabbit	Cat	Teddy Bear
Height		
11"	8¾"	11"
28 cm	22 cm	28 cm

Skill Level: Intermediate.

STITCH GUIDE

Striped stockinette stitch:

Rows 1 and 3: (RS) Knit in MC.

Rows 2 and 4: Purl in MC.

Row 5: Knit in CC.

Row 6: Purl in CC.

Rep Rows 1-6 for pattern.

CAT

Body: With MC, CO 30 sts. Work 50 rows in striped St st (see Stitch Guide). Break yarn, leaving a 20" (51-cm) tail. Thread tail through rem sts, pull tight to gather sts, and fasten off on inside. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew side edges together, leaving CO edge open. **Arms:** With MC, CO 16 sts. Work 18 rows in striped St st. Break yarn, leaving a 12" (30.5-cm) tail. Thread tail through rem sts, pull tight to gather sts, and fasten off on inside. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew side edges together, leaving CO edge open. **Legs:** With MC, CO 18 sts. Work 28 rows in striped St st. Break yarn, leaving a 14" (35.5-cm) tail. Thread tail through rem sts, pull tight to gather sts, and fasten off on inside. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew side edges together, leaving CO edge open. **Tail:** With CC, CO 14 sts. Working in St st, *work 4 rows CC, then 2 rows MC; rep from * 3 more times, then work 4 more rows CC. Break yarn, leaving a 14" (35.5-cm) tail. Thread tail through rem sts, pull tight to gather sts, and fasten off on inside. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew side edges together, leaving CO edge open.

RABBIT

Body, Arms, and Legs: Work as for cat body, arms, and legs, working in MC throughout. **Ears:** With CC, CO 6 sts. Work 36 rows in garter st.

Row 37: (dec row) K12, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k12—4 sts rem.

Row 38: Knit.

Row 39: (dec row) K2tog tbl, k2tog—2 sts rem.

Row 40: Knit.

Row 41: (dec row) K2tog—12 st rem.

Fasten off last st.

TEDDY BEAR

Body, Arms, and Legs: Work as for cat body, arms, and legs, working in MC throughout. **Scarf:** With CC, CO 4 sts.

Work 100 rows in garter st. BO all sts.

FINISHING

Weave in loose ends. Using an environmentally friendly stuffing, stuff the body. Hold the body so that the seam lies at the back. Sew the CO end together into a flat seam from right to left, with the back seam at center back. Cut a 20" (51-cm) length of yarn. Shape the head by wrapping the length of yarn several times around the stuffed body about one-third down from the CO edge. Tighten the yarn and secure. Stuff the arms and legs and sew the CO end together as for body. Sew the CO ends of legs on each side of the body about 1" (2.5 cm) up from base. Sew the CO ends of arms on each side of the body about 1" (2.5 cm) down from neck. **Cat:** Stuff the tail and sew the CO end together as for body. Sew the CO end of tail on the back of the body

about 1½" (3.8 cm) up from base on seam. **Cat and Teddy Bear:** With MC threaded on a tapestry needle, sew diagonally across the top of the head to define the ears, then complete face embroidery using CC as shown in illustration. **Teddy Bear:** Cut 8 pieces of CC, each 3" (7.5 cm) long, for fringe. Attach 4 pieces of fringe to each end of scarf by folding fringe in half, pulling fold through end of scarf to form a loop, then pulling ends of fringe through this loop and tightening. (A crochet hook can be helpful for this.)

Stephen Jessup



Secure scarf tightly around teddy bear's neck. **Rabbit:** Sew ears to top of head. With CC, make a 2" (5-cm) pom-pom (see Glossary) for tail and sew to body about 1½" (3.8 cm) up from base on seam at back. With small amount of contrasting yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, embroider face as shown in illustration. ☺

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Abbreviations

beg	beginning; begin; begins
bet	between
BO	bind off
CC	contrasting color
cm	centimeter(s)
cn	cable needle
CO	cast on
cont	continue(s); continuing
dec(s)	decrease(s); decreasing
dpn	double-pointed needle(s)
fol	following; follows
g	gram(s)
inc	increase(s); increasing
k	knit
k1f&b	knit into front and back of same st
k2tog	knit two stitches together
kwise	knitwise
LC	left cross
m(s)	marker(s)
MC	main color
mm	millimeter(s)
M1	make one (increase)
p	purl

p1f&b	purl into front and back of same st
p2tog	purl two stitches together
patt(s)	pattern(s)
pm	place marker
psso	pass slipped stitch over
p2sso	pass two slipped stitches over
pwise	purlwise
RC	right cross
rem	remain(s); remaining
rep	repeat; repeating
rev St st	reverse stockinette stitch
rib	ribbing
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
rev sc	reverse single crochet
sc	single crochet
sk	skip
sl	slip
sl st	slip stitch (sl 1 st pwise unless otherwise indicated)

ssk	slip 1 kwise, slip 1 kwise, k2 sl sts tog tbl (decrease)
ssp	slip 1 kwise, slip 1 kwise, p2 sl sts tog tbl (decrease)
st(s)	stitch(es)
St st	stockinette stitch
tbl	through back loop
tog	together
WS	wrong side
wyb	with yarn in back
wyf	with yarn in front
yo	yarn over
*	repeat starting point (i.e., repeat from *)
* *	repeat all instructions between asterisks
()	alternate measurements and/or instructions
[]	instructions that are to be worked as a group a specified number of times

Father Christmas

design by Ann Budd

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Ann Swanson

As soon as my colleagues in the PieceWork office showed me Kate Buck's original Father Christmas, I knew I had to try to re-create him. It was a challenge, but well worth it!

Finished Size: About 18 inches (46 cm) tall and 9½" (24 cm) wide from hand to hand.

Yarn: Brown Sheep Nature Spun Sport Weight, 100% wool yarn, 184 yards (177 m)/50 g ball, 1 ball each of #N48 Scarlet, #601 Pepper, #N91 Aran, and #730 Natural.

Needles: Size 3 (3.25) 24-inch (60-cm) circular and one set of four size 3 (3.25 mm) double-pointed or size needed to obtain gauge.

Notions: Markers, tapestry needle, stitch holders (2 small), fiberfill stuffing, black tea, 1 cup (to dye face and hands).

Gauge: 14 sts and 20 rows or rnds = 2 inches (5.1 cm) in stockinette stitch.

Skill Level: Intermediate.

STITCH GUIDE

Backward Loop Cast-On

*Loop working yarn and place it on the needle backwards so that it doesn't unwind. Rep from * for specified number of stitches.

Loop Stitch (see Glossary): With yarn doubled (the loop st is worked with two strands of yarn), Row 1: (WS) *K1, make loop (insert needle in next st as if to k, wrap yarn over the needle, then around the first two fingers of your left hand close to the needle, then over the needle again, draw both loops on the needle through the st, insert

the left needle tip through the fronts of these sts and k them tog through their back loop); rep from *, end k1.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: *Make loop, k1; rep from *, end by making a loop in the last st.

Wrap and Turn

Bring yarn to front, sl next st to right needle, bring yarn to back (thereby wrapping the yarn around the st), sl st back onto left needle, turn work in preparation to work in the opposite direction.

BOOT

With Pepper and dpn, CO 4 sts. Divide sts as evenly as possible on 3 dpn and join, being careful not to twist sts.

Inc rnd: K into the front and back of each st—8 sts. K 1 rnd even. Rep inc rnd—16 sts. K 10 rnds even. **Shape heel:**

Short-row 1: K7, wrap and turn (see Stitch Guide).

Short-row 2: P6, wrap and turn.

Short-row 3: K5, wrap and turn.

Short-row 4: P4, wrap and turn.

Short-row 5: K5, wrap and turn.

Short-row 6: P6, wrap and turn.

Short-row 7: K7, k to end of rnd.

K 13 rnds even, ending at center back of heel—boot should measure about 2½" (6 cm) from beg. Cut off Pepper. Weave in CO tail to WS of boot, closing gaps at corners of heel.

LEG

Join Scarlet and pm to denote end of rnd. K 42 rnds, or until piece measures about 4¼" (11 cm) from color change, ending 4 sts before end of rnd. Cut off yarn. Place sts on holder. Weave in loose ends at color change. Make another boot and leg to match, but do not cut off yarn; leave sts on needles.

LOWER BODY

Cont with second leg worked, k4, use the backward loop method (see Stitch Guide) to CO 3 sts, marking the center of these 3 sts for center front, k across all held sts of first leg, use the backward loop method to CO 3 more sts, k rem sts of second leg—38 sts total. K 25 rnds, or until piece measures about 2½" (6 cm) from joining rnd, ending 1 st before center front st. Break yarn and set aside.

SKIRT

With Scarlet and cir needle, CO 83 sts. Do not join into a rnd. K 1 row, pm after the first 3 sts and pm before the

last 3 sts. Work the 3 sts at each edge in garter st (k every row) and the center 77 sts in St st (k 1 row, p 1 row). Work 1 WS row. Cut off Scarlet, join Aran, and k 1 (RS) row. Join another strand of Aran, and work Rows 1–3 of loop st (see Stitch Guide). Cut off Aran, rejoin Scarlet, and work 4 rows even, keeping 3 sts at each edge in garter st and center 77 sts in St st, and ending with a WS row.

Dec Row 1: (RS) K3 (edge sts), k5, *k2tog, k6; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3 (edge sts)—74 sts rem.

Work 7 rows even in patt.

Dec Row 2: K8, *k2tog, k5; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3—65 sts rem.

Work 7 rows even in patt.

Dec Row 3: K8, *k2tog, k4; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3—56 sts rem.

Work 7 rows even in patt.

Dec Row 4: K8, *k2tog, k3; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3—47 sts rem.

Work 7 rows even in patt.

Dec Row 5: K5, *k2tog, k5; rep from * to last 7 sts, k2tog, k2, k3—41 sts rem.

Work 1 (WS) row even in patt.

JOIN SKIRT TO BODY

Place body sts inside skirt. With dpn and beg 1 st before marked center front st of body, k2tog across (1 st from skirt tog with 1 st from body) until all body sts have been joined to skirt—3 skirt sts rem. Work rem 3 skirt sts tog with first 3 sts to overlap skirt edging—38 sts rem; skirt and body joined.

UPPER BODY

Cont even in rnds until piece measures 1½" (3.8 cm) from joining rnd, and ending 9 sts before the marked center front st.

Back: Using the backward loop method, CO 18 sts for arm. Turn work, p these 18 sts, then p across 19 sts for back, then use the backward loop method to CO 18 more sts for other arm—55 back sts. Working these 55 back sts back and forth in rows, cont even in St st until 15 rows. BO 22 sts at beg of next 2 rows—11 sts rem. Cut off yarn. Place sts on holder.

Front: Pick up and k 18 sts at CO edge of one arm, k across 19 front sts, pick up and k 18 sts along CO edge of other arm—55 front sts. Work as for back—11 sts rem each for front and back.

Turn doll inside out (as much as possible) and weave in loose ends. With Scarlet threaded on a tapestry needle, sew front to back along tops of arms. Stuff boots, legs, and lower body with fiberfill.

HANDS

With Natural, dpn, and beg at lower arm seam, pick up and k 24 sts around opening at end of arm. Pm and join for working in the rnd. K 5 rnds. **Dec for tip of hand:**
 Rnd 1: *Ssk, k8, k2tog; rep from * once—20 sts rem.
 Rnd 2: Knit.
 Rnd 3: *Ssk, k6, k2tog; rep from * once—16 sts rem.
 Rnd 4: *Ssk, k4, k2tog; rep from * once—12 sts rem.
 Rnd 5: *Ssk, k2, k2tog; rep from * once—8 sts rem.
 Rnd 6: *Ssk, k2tog; rep from * once—4 sts rem.
 Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight, and fasten off to WS. Weave in loose ends. Rep for other hand. Stuff hands, arms, and upper body with fiberfill.

NECK AND HEAD

Place 11 held front sts on one dpn and 11 held back sts divided between 2 dpn—22 sts total. Join Scarlet for neck, and work in rnds, dec 1 st at the beg of the front sts and 1 st at the beg of the back sts every rnd 3 times—16 sts rem. Cut off Scarlet, and join Natural for head. K 1 rnd.

Next rnd: K into the front and back of every st—32 sts. K every rnd until piece measures 2 inches (5.1 cm) from color change between neck and head.

Dec for top of head:

Rnd 1: *K6, k2tog; rep from *—28 sts rem.
 Rnd 2: *K5, k2tog; rep from *—24 sts rem.
 Rnd 3: *K4, k2tog; rep from *—20 sts rem.

Cont in this manner, working 1 less st between decs until 12 sts rem. Stuff head with fiberfill. Work 1 more dec rnd—8 sts rem. Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight, and fasten off to inside of head. Dip hands and head in the tea to darken the yarn the desired amount. Squeeze out excess fluid and let air-dry.

CUFFS

With Aran, CO 23 sts. Join second strand of Aran and work 3 rows of loop st. With single strand of Natural, BO all sts. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew cuff into a ring, then sew cuff to wrist at color change between arm and hand so that fringe extends away from body. Rep for other cuff.

COLLAR

With Aran and dpn, CO 27 sts, and work as for cuff. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew to neck

at color change between neck and head so that fringe extends downward.

HAT

With Aran and dpn, CO 37 sts. Join a second strand of Aran and work 3 rows of loop st. Cut off Aran and join Scarlet. Divide sts as evenly as possible on 3 dpn, pm for end of rnd, and k 6 rnds, placing another marker after the 18th st to mark center front. **Shape point:** K, inc 1 st after center-front marker every rnd 6 times, and at the same time dec 1 st each side of end-of-rnd marker every other rnd 3 times as follows: Ssk, work to last 2 sts of rnd, k2tog (there will still be 37 sts after these 6 rnds have been worked). Remove center-front marker. Dec 1 st each side of end-of-rnd marker every rnd until 5 sts rem. Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight, and fasten off to inside. Weave in loose ends.

BEARD

With Aran and dpn, CO 3 sts. Working garter st in rows, inc 1 st each end of needle every RS row 11 times—25 sts.

Next row: K11, BO 3 sts, k to end.

Next row: K11, use backward loop method to CO 3 sts over gap, k to end—25 sts.

Shape sideburns: Work short-rows as follows,

*Short-row 1: K9, wrap and turn, k to end.

Short-row 2: K7, wrap and turn, k to end.

Short-row 3: K5, wrap and turn, k to end.

Short-row 4: K3, wrap and turn, k to end.

K across all 25 sts. Rep from * once more. BO all sts. Thoroughly wet beard and rub gently to slightly felt the fibers. Let air dry. With yarn threaded on a tapestry

needle, sew beard to face. Stuff the hat gently with fiberfill and sew in place to the top of the head. With Aran threaded on a tapestry needle, make four horizontal sts evenly spaced along upper body for "buttons" as shown. With Pepper, make two horizontal sts for eyes. With Scarlet, sew front overlap of skirt together. Weave in remaining loose ends. ☐

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Glossary

SHORT ROWS: WRAPPING A STITCH

Work to turn point, slip next stitch purlwise to right needle. Bring yarn to front (Figure 1). Slip same stitch back to left needle (Figure 2). Turn work and bring yarn in position for next stitch, wrapping the stitch as you do so. Note: Hide wraps in a knit stitch when right side of piece is worked in a knit stitch. Leave wrap if the purl stitch shows on right side. Hide wraps as follows: Knit stitch: On right side, work to just before wrapped stitch. Insert right needle from front, under the wrap from bottom up, and then into wrapped stitch as usual. Knit them together, making sure new stitch comes out under wrap. Purl stitch: On wrong side, work to just before wrapped stitch. Insert right needle from back, under wrap from bottom up, and put on left needle. Purl them together.



Figure 1



Figure 2

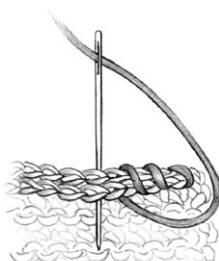
WHIPSTITCH SEAMS

Place pieces with right sides together. Hold pieces with the 2 edges facing you.

Step 1: Secure seaming yarn on wrong side of one piece. Pass needle through pieces from back to front at start of seam. This creates a small stitch to begin seam.

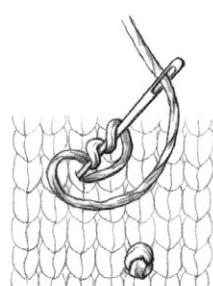
Step 2: A little farther left, pass needle through pieces, again from back to front, wrapping seam edge.

Repeat Step 2 to complete seam. Secure end of seaming yarn.



FRENCH KNOT

Bring needle out of knitted background from back to front, wrap yarn around needle one to three times, and use thumb to hold in place while pulling needle through wraps into background a short distance from where it came out.



BACKWARD-LOOP CAST-ON

*Loop working yarn and place it on needle backward so that it doesn't unwind. Repeat from *.



BACKSTITCH EMBROIDERY



CROCHET CHAIN (CH)

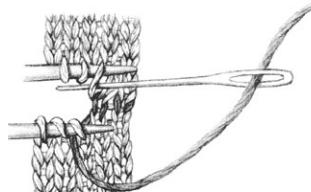
Make a slipknot on hook. Yarn over hook and draw it through loop of slipknot. Repeat, drawing yarn through the last loop formed.



KITCHENER STITCH

Step 1: Bring threaded needle through front stitch as if to purl and leave stitch on needle.

Step 2: Bring threaded needle through back stitch as if to knit and leave stitch on needle.



Step 3: Bring threaded needle through first front stitch as if to knit and slip this stitch off needle. Bring threaded needle through next front stitch as if to purl and leave stitch on needle.

Step 4: Bring threaded needle through first back stitch as if to purl (as illustrated), slip this stitch off, bring needle through next back stitch as if to knit, leave this stitch on needle.

Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until no stitches remain on needles.

CROCHET CHAIN (PROVISIONAL) CAST-ON

With waste yarn and crochet hook, make a loose chain of about four stitches more than you need to cast on. With needle, working yarn, and beginning two stitches from end of chain, pick up and knit one stitch through the back loop of each crochet chain (Figure 1) for desired number of stitches. Work the piece as desired, and when you're ready to work in the opposite direction, pull out the crochet chain to expose live stitches (Figure 2).

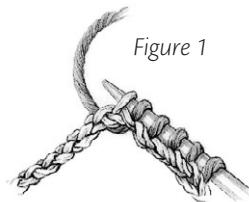


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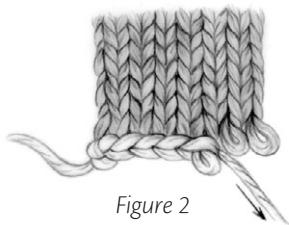
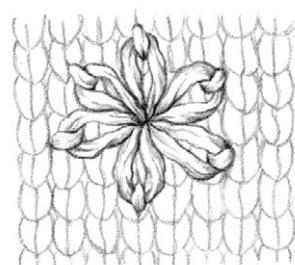
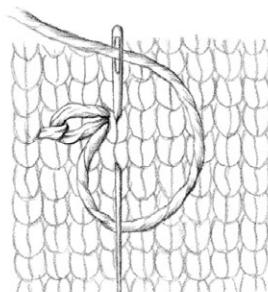


Figure 2

DAISY STITCH

Bring threaded needle out of knitted background from back to front, *form a short loop and insert needle into background where it came out. Keeping the loop under the needle, bring the needle back out of the background a short distance away. Beginning each stitch at the same point in the background, repeat from * for the desired number of petals (six shown).



LOOP STITCH

Make loop: Insert needle in st, wrap yarn over needle kwise, then wrap yarn over one finger (or more for a larger loop) of left hand, then over needle again (2 loops on needle) (Figure 1). Draw both loops on needle through the st (Figure 2). Insert left needle through the front of the loops and knit them tog through back loops (Figure 3). Completed loop as seen from right side of work (Figure 4).



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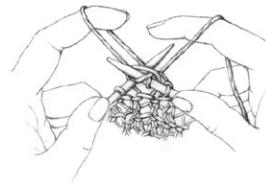


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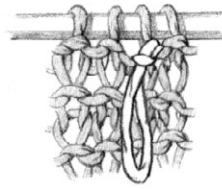


Figure 4

Loop Stitch from Nicky Epstein's *Knitted Embellishments* (Interweave, 1999).

POM-POM

Cut two circles of cardboard, each $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3 cm) larger than desired finished pom-pom width. Cut a small circle out of the center and a small edge out of the side of each circle (Figure 1). Tie a strand of yarn between the circles, hold circles together and wrap with yarn—the more wraps, the thicker the pom-pom. Cut between the circles and knot the tie strand tightly (Figure 2). Place pom-pom between two smaller cardboard circles held together with a needle and trim the edges (Figure 3). This technique comes from Nicky Epstein's *Knitted Embellishments* (Interweave, 1999).



Figure 1

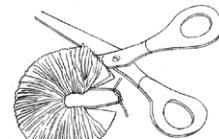


Figure 2

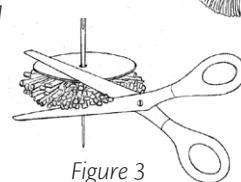


Figure 3