



# KNITTED ELEPHANT PATTERN

Size:	Materials:
Height approx 25cm	100g double knitting yarn.
	Pair of 3.75mm knitting needles.
	Nonflammable washable toy stuffing.
	Black embroidery yarn.

## Body & legs

- \*Cast on 16 sts for front leg. St st 16 rows. \*Break off yarn, leave sts on a spare needle. Rep from \* to \*.
- Next row K16, cast on 8 sts, K16 sts from spare needle. 40 sts. \*\*St st 21 rows.
- Shape back and neck.
- Next row Cast off 4 sts, K to last 2 sts, K2 tog.
- Next row P2 tog, P to end. Rep last 2 rows 5 more times. Cast off rem 4 sts. Work other side to match, reversing shapings for back and neck.

## Underbody

Make 2. Work as body and legs to \*\*. St st 7 rows. Cast off.

## Head

- Cast on 6 sts for trunk. St st 6 rows, inc one st at each end of every row. 18 sts.
- Next row K6 and leave these sts on a safety pin for end of trunk, cast off 3 sts, K to end. Work on last 9 sts. St st 15 rows. Break off yarn. Leave these 9 sts on a spare needle.
- Shape neck. Cast on 14 sts for neck edge. St st 2 rows. Inc one st at each end of next 4 K rows. 22 sts. P 1 row.
- Next row K22 cast on 3 sts, K across 9 sts of trunk from spare needle. 34 sts. Dec one st at beg of next 8 P rows. 26 sts. K 1 row. Mark each end of last row. Dec one st at each end of next 7 rows. Cast off rem 12 sts. St st 3 rows across 6 sts on a safety pin. Cast off. Work 2nd piece to match, reversing shapings for trunk and front head.

## **Head gusset**

- Cast on 2 sts. St st 2 rows.
- Next row Inc in each st. Inc one st at each end of next 3 K rows. 10 sts. St st 12 rows. Dec one st at each end of next 4 P rows. 2 sts. K 1 row. Cast off.

## **Ears**

- Make 2 Cast on 20 sts. Work in g st, inc one st at each end of next 6 alt rows. K 14 rows. Dec one st at each end of next 3 rows. 26 sts. Cast off.

## **Soles**

- Make 4 Cast on 6 sts. St st 2 rows. Inc one st at each end of next 2 K rows. St st 5 rows. Dec one st at each end of next 2 K rows. 6 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

## **Tail**

Cast on 6 sts. St st 16 rows. Next row [K2 tog] 3 times. Thread yarn through rem 3 sts, draw up and secure.

## **To make up**

Sew cast-off edges of underbody pieces tog. Sew body legs to underbody legs, leaving cast-on edges open, then sew soles to cast-on edges. Sew rem sides of body tog, leaving neck open, then stuff firmly. Sew head gusset to head between markers. Sew rem head and trunk seams, leaving cast-on edges open for neck. Stuff firmly and sew to body. Make a pleat in centre of cast-off edge of each ear and sew to head. Join tail seam and sew to body. Embroider eyes.

## **Reversing the pattern – a few pointers**

Some of our knitters have had trouble working out how to reverse the pattern. Here are some suggestions:

- Cast on 6 sts follow pattern until you have 18 sts.
- Next row: K9, cast off 3sts, K6. St st 3 rows across these 6 sts. Cast off.
- Rejoin wool to 9 sts, st st 15 rows. Break off wool leaving 9 sts on spare needle.

Follow rest of pattern as shaping for neck until you have 22 sts. Break off wool. Slip both pieces of knitting on the same needle, with right side facing with the trunk the first piece to be knitted. Rejoin wool to 9 sts for trunk. Knit across 9 sts of trunk, cast on 3 sts and knit across 22 sts of neck. 34 sts. (you should now have the trunk and neck in reverse). Follow rest of pattern but decrease one st at end of next P row.

**But you can also do the following;**

- Cast on 6 sts follow pattern until you have 18 sts.
- Next row: K9, cast off 3sts, K6. St st 3 rows across these 6 sts. Cast off.
- Rejoin wool to 9 sts, st st 15 rows. Break off wool and make sure you slip 9 sts onto needle with wrong side of work facing. (You can use the needles you are using if you work out which needle will be the right needle to join the pieces with wrong side facing)
- Knit neck piece as instructed until you have 22 stitches, cast on 3 sts at end of P row so you have wrong side of work facing. P across 9 sts for trunk.
- K 1 row, (the trunk being the first part you knit)
- Next row: P to last 2 sts. P2tog. This now is the first of the P row decreases, but at the end of the row rather than at the beginning. Continue to follow pattern.

**And finally...**

When your elephant is finished please post it to us – or sell it on our behalf. We recommend between £8 and £12 as a guide price. Here's the address to post it to:

Sister Gemma, Skanda Vale Hospice, Saron, Llandysul, SA44 5DY, Wales.

If it's not practical to post us your elephant then you could always sell them locally and donate the proceeds to the hospice: [www.skandavalehospice.org/donate](http://www.skandavalehospice.org/donate)

Please contact Sister Gemma: [sister.gemma@skandavalehospice.org](mailto:sister.gemma@skandavalehospice.org) if you have any questions. Have fun!

**P.S: Helpful photos on the next two pages...**



