



Operation Christmas Child

Knitted Clown Hand Puppets

Pattern

You will need: Oddments of double knitting wool, including white and colour suitable for hair and 1 pair size 8 (4mm) needles.

Cast on 44 stitches work 6 rows in rib.

Change colour and work 24 rows in stocking stitch in various striped wool.

Next row: Change colour wool and cast on 10 stitches. Knit back 32 altogether, turn leaving remaining 22 stitches on a spare needle, cast on 10 sts. K.4 P34 K4

Continue for a further 6 rows remembering to knit the first and last 4 stitches on purl rows.

Cast off 12 sts. Knit to end of row.

Cast off 12sts. Purl to end of row.

Slip these stitches onto spare needle, and break off wool.

Rejoin wool to 22 sts on first spare needle, and work to match.

On last row purl across the stitches left on the second needle giving total of 36

Join on white wool for the face and K 18 sts. Join on colour for hair and K further 18 sts. (Taking care to twist two yarns together at join.)

Work 10 more rows in stocking stitch twisting yarns each time to avoid a hole.

Join on first colour for hat

Work 2rows garter stitch

Next Row S.1.K.1. p.s.s.o. K14 K2 tog. S.1.K.1.p.s.s.o. K14 K2 tog. Knit to end

Next Row Purl.

Repeat these last two rows until 2 sts remain. (The middle number of K's will decrease each time.)

Cast off.

Embroider facial details on white piece of knitting.

Sew up.

(Your imagination could come up with many variations – e.g. Father Christmas)

Thank you so much for your time, and please rest assured that these little puppets will be treasured for years!



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