

Dalek knitting pattern

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Terminology & Techniques

c/o = cast on, K1M1 = knit one and make one from the same stitch, P1M1 = purl one and make one from the same stitch, c/of = cast off, K2tog = knit two stitches together, P2tog = purl two stitches together, K = knit (number after the K means knit that many stitches), P = purl (number after the P means purl that many stitches).

Icords

- To knit an icord cast on the required number of stitches onto a double ended needle, and slide the cast on stitches along so that you are knitting from the tail end of the stitches.
- When you have knitted the stitches keep sliding the icord along the needle, so that you are always knitting from the tail end and creating a small loop.
- Occasionally give a tug to the cast on end to help the icord develop.

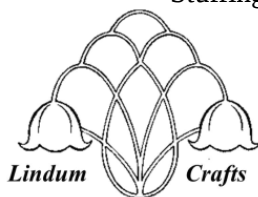
Knitting in the round.

- Cast on as normal on one of the double ended needles and then evenly distribute the stitches across three needles, i.e. for 6 stitches you would have 2 on each needle.
- Hold the needles to form a triangle making sure that the cast on edge faces the centre on each needle and that the wool between needles is not twisted.
- Start knitting using the first cast on stitch (the slip knot) using the free needle. Once you have knit all the stitches off of the left hand needle it will become the free needle, and you knit off of the next needle with it, and so on until you have completed a round of knitting.
- Tension is important in knitting in the round, as the tension of the wool holds the other two needles in place.

Materials

Dark grey double knit wool
Light grey double knit wool
White double knit wool
Black double knit wool

Light blue double knit wool
4 double pointed 3mm needles
2 double pointed 2mm needles
Stuffing



Body

For the some of the Dalek body you will need to make bobbles in black wool. This is achieved by K1 in black, reversing the direction of knitting and doing P1M1 in black, reversing the direction of knitting and doing K2 in black. On the next round of knitting the two black stitches are K2tog in the main body colour.

1. c/o 6 in dark grey across 3 3mm needles
2. K6
3. (K1M1)x6=12
4. K12
5. (K1, K1M1)x6=18
6. K18
7. K18
8. (K2, K1M1)x6=24
9. K24
10. K24
11. (K3, K1M1)x6=30
12. K30
13. Change to black and (K2tog, K2, K2tog, K2, K2tog)x3=21
14. K21
15. K21
16. K21
17. K21
18. K21
19. Change to dark grey and (K1M1, K2, K1M1, K2, K1M1)x3=30
20. K30
21. K30
22. K30
23. (K4, K1M1)x6=36
24. K36
25. K36
26. Redistribute stitches so needle 1 has 16 stitches on it and needles 2 and 3 have 10 each.
27. n1= K7, K2tog, K7 ; n2 & n3 = K10
28. K35
29. K35
30. n1= K2, bobble, K4, bobble, K4, bobble, K2 ; n2 & n3=K2, bobble, K4, bobble,. K2
31. K35 (don't forget to knit the bobble stitches together to finish off each bobble using body coloured wool)
32. n1=K15 ; n2 & n3 =(K1, K1M1)x2, K2, (K1M1, K1)x2
33. K43
34. n1= K2, bobble, K4, bobble, K4, bobble, K2 ; n2 & n3=K3, bobble, K6, bobble,. K3
35. K43 (don't forget to knit the bobble stitches together to finish off each bobble using body coloured wool)
36. K43
37. K43
38. n1= K2, bobble, K4, bobble, K4, bobble, K2 ; n2 & n3=K3, bobble, K6, bobble,. K3
39. K43 (don't forget to knit the bobble stitches together to finish off each bobble using body coloured wool)
40. n1=K15 ; n2 & n3 =(K1, K1M1, K3, K1M1, K1)x2
41. K51
42. n1= K2, bobble, K4, bobble, K4, bobble, K2 ; n2 & n3=K4, bobble, K8, bobble,. K4
43. K51 (don't forget to knit the bobble stitches together to finish off each bobble using body coloured wool)
44. K51
45. c/of making sure to sew the ends together neatly.

Dalek base.

1. c/o 5 in dark grey using 3mm needles
2. K5
3. K1M1, K1M1, K1, K1M1, K1M1
4. K9
5. K1M1, K1M1, K5, K1M1, K1M1
6. K13
7. K1M1, K1M1, K9, K1M1, K1M1
8. K17
9. K17
10. K17
11. K17
12. K17
13. K17
14. K17
15. K2tog, K13, K2tog
16. K15
17. K15
18. K2tog, K2tog, K7, K2tog, K2tog
19. K2tog, K7, K2tog
20. K9
21. K9
22. K2tog, K5, K2tog
23. K7
24. K7
25. K2tog, K3, K2tog
26. K5
27. K2tog, K1, K2tog
28. c/of

Neck rings. Make 2 of these

1. c/o 2 in light grey using 3mm needles
2. icord 24 rows
3. sew off with c/o tail to make a loop.

Bumper

1. c/o 4 in black using 3mm needles
2. icord 55 rows
3. sew off with c/o tail to make a loop

At this point assemble the Dalek as follows....

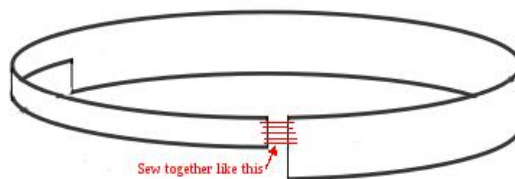
Use a knitting needle to push on the back of the bobbles to make sure that they stick out on the outside.

Embroider seven equally spaced vertical lines on the black neck section using light grey wool.

Sew on the neck rings, one at the middle of the black neck and one at the bottom

Top waistcoat

1. c/o 32 in light grey using 3mm needles
2. (K2, P2)x8
3. (K2, P2)x8
4. c/of 12 in (K2,P2)x3 pattern and then (K2, P2)x5
5. (K2, P2)x5
6. c/of remaining stitches in (K2, P2)x5 pattern
7. sew the ends together to make a loop (see diagram)



Bottom waistcoat

1. c/o 38 in light grey using 3mm needles
2. K38
3. c/of purlwise
4. sew the ends together to make a loop

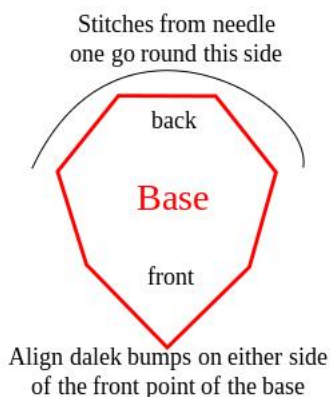
Arm bases

1. c/o 3 in dark grey using 3mm needles
2. K3
3. P3
4. K3
5. P3
6. K3
7. P3
8. K3
9. c/of

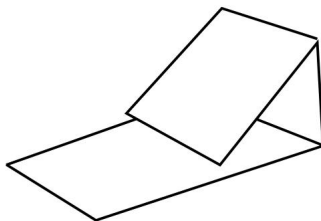
Sew on the top waistcoat just below the bottom neck ring. A small space (~2mm) should be left between the two parts, just enough for the dark grey of the body to be visible.

Sew on the bottom waistcoat just below the top waistcoat, again leaving a small space between the two and ensuring that it does not obscure the top row of Dalek hemispheres (the bobble).

Stuff the Dalek and sew the base on as per diagram below.



Fold the arm bases as per the following diagram and sew them into that shape. Sew the shaped arms on to the large space between the two waistcoat sections so that the longer flat section faces the front of the Dalek and the folds wrap around the curve to the sides.



Sew the bumper on to the bottom, ensuring that you do not obscure the bottom row of Dalek hemispheres.

To complete the Dalek now knit the following....

Eye stalk

1. using 2mm needles pick up 2 stitches from the front of the dome
2. icord 5 rows in light grey
3. change to light blue and icord K1M1, K1M1
4. icord 2 rows
5. icord K2tog, K2tog
6. change to black and icord K1M1, K1M1
7. icord K1, K1M1, K1M1, K1
8. sew off end of icord, pulling it tight.
9. Sew ends back through the middle of the icord into the body
10. embroider on a pupil in white wool

Gun

1. using 2mm needles pick up 2 stitches from the LH arm base
2. icord 5 rows in light grey
3. c/of
4. sew the c/of end through the gun into the body and the c/o end directly into the body.

Arm

1. using 2mm needles pick up 2 stitches from the RH arm base
2. icord 5 rows in light grey
3. change to black wool and icord K1M1, K1M1
4. icord K4
5. icord K1M1, K1M1, K1M1, K1M1
6. icord K8
7. c/of
8. sew the c/of tail to the other side of the c/of row to close up the suction cup properly.
9. Sew both black ends through the bottom of the suction cup feeding them up through the middle and tie off tightly then cut the ends so the tails are hidden in the cup.
10. sew the c/o light grey end directly into the body and the other one through the arm and into the body.

Dome lights

1. using 2mm needles pick up 2 stitches from the side of the dome
2. icord 2 rows in white
3. c/of
4. sew the c/o end directly into the body and the c/of end through the icord into the body pulling it tight to make the icord fold down into a small bulb like shape.
5. Repeat on the opposite side.

