

Mini Elephant



Size: Approx. 2.5 inches long.

Materials:

2.75mm needles
Oddments of double knitting yarn in light blue,
and some black to embroider the face
Darning needle
Polyester stuffing

Gauge:

7 sts and 10 rows to 1 inch, or close to this. You want nice tight knitting that the stuffing won't show through.

Glossary: k - knit; p - purl; st(s) - stitch(es); st-st - stocking stitch; kfb - increase by knitting into the front and back of the next st; k2tog - decrease by knitting the next 2 sts together; kfbf - increase by 2 extra sts by knitting into the front and back, and then front again of the next st; yrn - yarn round needle.

Body and Head:

Using light blue, cast on 10 sts.
Row 1: (kfb) into every st - 20 sts.
Row 2: p
Row 3: (kfb) into every st - 40 sts
Rows 4-26: st-st, beginning p (23 rows)
Row 27: (k2tog) to end - 20 sts.
Row 28: p
Row 29: (k2tog) to end - 10 sts.
Rows 30-46: st-st, beg p (17 rows)
Row 47: (k2tog) to end - 5 sts.
Break off a long length of yarn, thread through the remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.
Seam row edges, leaving about 1 cm open at the cast on edge. Stuff body and head firmly. Close remaining seam. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Legs (make 4):

Using light blue, cast on 14 sts.
Rows 1-6: st-st, beg k
Row 7: (k2tog) to end - 7 sts.
Break off a long length of yarn, thread through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.
Seam row edges. Stuff well. Position 4 legs on base of body, taking care to ensure that lion can stand unaided, and sew in place.

Ears (make 2):

Using light blue, cast on 16 sts.
Row 1: k
Rows 2-5: st-st, beg k
Row 6: (k2tog) to end - 8 sts.
Break off a long length of yarn, thread through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Position ears on head with row edges touching the head, using photo as a guide, and sew in place.

Tail:

Using light blue, cast on 16 sts.
Cast off.
Sew one row edge of tail just above the gathered cast on sts at the back of the body. Sew a few loops to the other end of the tail using yellow yarn.

Face:

Use black yarn to embroider two eyes, using the photo as a guide for placement.

