

Knitted dolls for babies and toddlers



Materials

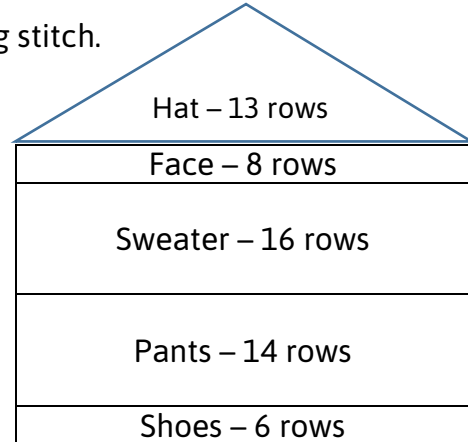
- 4-ply wool and 3 mm knitting needles, or
- double knitting wool and 3.5 mm knitting needles (use same ply wool throughout)
- washable stuffing
- wool needle

Tips

- This pattern is great for using up left-over wool.
- Leave a longish length of yarn when ending each colour. Use this to sew up the little doll.
- When sewing up the doll, make a double stitch and thread your yarn through the doll to hide the end of the yarn.
- You can adapt the pattern. For example: make pom-poms and hair; make the legs longer or shorter; knit a stripy scarf, etc.

Instructions

1. Pants: Cast on 32 stitches in the wool for the pants. Work 20 rows of stocking stitch (one row knit, one row purl).
OPTIONAL: If you want your doll to have shoes, cast on 32 stitches. Knit 6 rows in shoe colour, then 14 rows in pants colour.
2. Change to wool for the sweater. Work 16 rows. Choose any of the following stitches: stocking stitch; garter stitch (plain knitting); alternate stripes in different colours; or use variegated yarn.
3. Change to wool for the face. Work 8 rows in stocking stitch.
4. Change to wool for hat. Knit as follows:
 - Work 2 rows in stocking stitch.
 - Next row: (k6, k2 together) 4 times.
 - Next and every alternate row: Purl.
 - Next row: (k5, k2 together) 4 times.
 - Next row: (k4, k2 together) 4 times.
 - Next row: (k3, k2 together) 4 times.
 - Next row: (k2, k2 together) 4 times.
 - Next row: (k1, k2 together) 4 times.
 - Next row: (k2 together) 4 times.
5. Cast off by threading the wool through the 4 remaining stitches, pull tightly and make a double stitch.



To make up

1. Embroider a mouth and two eyes in the middle of the facial strip.
2. Cap: Fold the knitted piece and sew the two edges together from the top of the cap (cast off row), down to the bottom of the shoes (cast on row).
3. Make sure the lengths of yarn for sewing up are not left inside the doll.
4. Stuff the head and body until firm.
5. Join the lower edges to form the feet.
6. To shape the neck, thread the yarn through the stitches at the bottom of the head, pull very tight and fasten off.
7. To shape the legs, sew a seam starting at the feet up to just below where the pullover starts, sewing over the back seam that you made in step 2.
8. To shape the arms, sew a seam on each side of the pullover, stopping before you get to the top, which will make the shoulders.