

Fudge the Frog

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Fudge the Frog is a worry eater with a large mouth and mouth pocket to receive children's worries. His body is knitted in one piece with a centre back seam.

Materials

- Fudge is knitted in either chunky yarn, or two strands of double knitting yarn used together in a suitable green for body and darker green for mouth pocket. The coloured 'jumper' on Fudge is optional.
- Knitting yarns vary in thickness and what size knitting pins you use will also depend on how tightly or loosely you knit, but use between 4mm and 5mm pins for the body.
- Some other pieces are knitted with a single strand of double knitting yarn so please read the instructions at the start of each piece. The

size of your pins for single strand double knitting yarn needs to be between 3mm and 4mm.

- Please remember that the finish needs to be tight enough not to let the filling poke through.
- A pair of safety eyes, or felt to make eyes
- A tapestry needle.
- Stuffing should be BS or CE marked toy stuffing.

Tension

It is important that no stuffing is accessible in your finished item as this would be a safety hazard.

Tension varies between yarn brands and weights and from knitter to knitter. Needle sizes are suggested in the pattern, but if you know you knit loosely, reduce your needle size to achieve a firm weave. As a rough guide use a needle a size smaller than that recommended for garment knitting on the ball band.

Abbreviations

K – knit

P – purl

Ss – stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together

P2tog – purl 2 stitches together

K2togtbl – knit 2 stitches together through back of loops

P2togtbl – purl 2 stitches together through back of loops

sts – stitches

Kfb – increase one stitch by knitting into the front and back of the same stitch

m1 – make 1 by picking up the strand between one stitch and the next and knitting into the back of it

RS – right side of work

WS – wrong side of work

dec – decrease

inc – increase

Fudge the Frog head and body

With **chunky or two strands of double knitting** in suitable green colour and 4mm or 5mm needles cast on 51 sts.

Ss 2 rows

(K7, Kfb) 3 times, K3, (Kfb, K7) 3 times (57sts)

Ss 3 rows

(k8, Kfb) 3 times, K3, (Kfb, K8) 3 times (63 sts)

Ss 3 rows

(k9, Kfb) 3 times, K3, (Kfb, K9) 3 times (69 sts)

Ss 3 rows

(k10, Kfb) 3 times, K 3, (Kfb, K10) 3 times (75sts)

Continue in ss. If you are adding a jumper to your frog, then start the jumper coloured yarn at row 23 and ss until work is 11" (28cm) from cast on edge. (If you'd like to make an edge to your jumper, then knit the first 4 and the last 4 rows in garter stitch.)

Rejoin green body colour and ss a further 8 rows.

Work will now be approximately 12" (30.5cm) from cast on edge.

Cast off the whole row. This makes the mouth less slack and also gives the suggestion of a neck.

With right side facing, and **2xDK (or chunky)** yarn in darker green, pick up for mouth pocket:

Leave 25 sts, pick up and knit centre 25 sts, leave 25 sts (25 sts)

(wrong side facing) k 1 row to form a ridge

(right side facing) p 1 row to make a thicker ridge

Starting with p row, ss pocket to 10" ending with a purl row, but work the last 3" of the mouth pocket in the paler green body colour. Break off yarn

With right side facing and **2xDK (or chunky)** yarn in the paler green body colour:

Pick up and knit across first 25 cast off sts, knit across 25sts from pocket, pick up knit last 25 cast off sts. (75 sts)

purl 24, p2tog, p 23, p2tog, p 24 (73 sts)

ss a further 12 rows

Decrease for top of head:

K1, (K7, K2tog) 4 times, (K2tog, K7) 4 times (65sts)

P

K1, (K6, K2tog) 4 times, (K2tog, K6) 4 times (57sts)

P

K1, (K5, K2tog) 4 times, (K2tog, K5) 4 times (49sts)

P

K1, (K4, K2tog) 4 times, (K2tog, K4) 4 times (41sts)

P

K1, (K3, K2tog) 4 times, (K2tog, K3) 4 times (33sts)

P

K1, (K2, K2tog) 4 times, (K2, K2tog) 4 times (25sts)

P

K1, (K2tog) to end (13sts)

P

K1 (K2tog) to end (7sts)

Cut yarn leaving enough length to sew back seam. Thread on tapestry needle and pass needle through remaining sts. Draw up tightly and fasten off. Leave tail of yarn for making up later.

Frog eyes (make 2)

With 4mm or 5mm pins and **2xDK (or chunky)** yarn cast on 28sts
ss 12 rows

(k2tog) all row (14 sts)

purl

(k2tog) all row (7 sts)

Cut yarn leaving enough length to sew up, pass sewing needle through sts, draw up and fasten tightly.

NB. At the end of this pattern there is a version of the eyes in red which has been written by Vanessa, along with a photo of her Red Eyed Frog!

Frog back legs (make 2)

Starting at the top

with 4mm - 5mm pins and **double DK (or chunky yarn)** cast on 24 sts
ss until work measures 6"

k1, sl1, k1, psso, k5, sl1, k1, psso, k4, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k1 (20sts)

starting with a purl row ss 5 rows

k1, sl1, k1, psso, k3, sl1, k1, psso, k4, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1 (16sts)

starting with a purl row ss 5 rows.

Cast off.

Frog feet (make 2)

With 3mm - 4mm pins and **single DK yarn** cast on 40 sts

gs 6 rows

*k8, cast off 24 sts, k8

k8, cast on 25 sts, k8

k7, k2tog, k to end of row

gs 5 rows

repeat from * once more (to make 3 toes)

cast off

Frog arms (make 2)

nb. If you have given your frog a jumper, then work the first few rows in jumper colour to suggest a sleeve.

Starting at the top

with 3mm - 4mm pins and **single DK yarn** cast on 10 sts

ss until work measures 11"

cast off

Frog hands (make 2)

With 3mm - 4mm pins and **single DK yarn** cast on 30 sts

gs 2 rows

*k5, cast off 20 sts, k5

k5, cast on 21 sts, k5

k4, k2tog, k to end of row

k 1 row

repeat from * once more (to make 3 toes)

Cast off

To make up frog

Mouth Pocket: Fold pocket in half right sides together and sew up sides. Put the frog body face down, smooth the mouth pocket down to make sure it is lying flat, and then stitch the bottom of the pocket to the underside of the body.

Body and Head: With right sides together, sew up back seam leaving bottom open. Turn right way and stuff. With seam centre back, sew across bottom edge.

Eyes: With wrong sides together sew up back seam leaving cast on edge open. Turn right way. If using safety eyes put them in now. Stuff and attach to top of head. Embroider two nostrils (see photo).

Back legs: Sew up long seam. Turn right way out and with seam centre back, sew across bottom (thinner edge). Stuff and sew across top edge. nb. Don't overfill the leg as you will need to make a bend for the knee.

Feet: Fold in half with wrong sides together. Sew around each toe. Run a stitch around the top and draw up a little so that it is the same size as the bottom of the leg, and attach firmly.

Sew leg with foot to the side of the body at the bottom. Make a bend in the leg for the knee and catch firmly together at the seam. (see photo)
The legs will be bent even when the frog is not sitting.

Arms: Sew up the long seam. It is easier to sew with wrong sides together and stuff as you go. With seam centre back, sew across top and bottom. Make up hands in the same way as the feet, attach to arm bottoms, and sew arms to sides of body.

See next page for a version with red eyeballs by Vanessa!

FUDGE THE FROG'S RED EYEBALLS, (optional).



3mm pins

1. Using 2 x DK or Chunky cast on 7sts, and K all
2. P
3. Kfb all row (14sts)
4. P
5. Kfb all row (28sts)
6. Starting with P, SS 11 rows
7. (K2 tog) all row (14sts)
8. P
9. (K2 tog) all row (7sts)

Cut yarn leaving enough to sew up, pass sewing needle through sts

Sew side seam to form the ball, stuff, then pass needle through the cast on sts, draw up and fasten tightly

Eye Sockets:

1. Using 2 x DK or Chunky cast on 30sts
2. SS 6 rows
3. (K1, K2tog) all row (20sts)
4. SS 3 rows
5. (K2tog) all row (10sts)
6. P

Cut yarn leaving enough to sew up, pass sewing needle through sts

Sew side seam to form a cup.

Pupils:

1. Using single DK cast on 6sts.
2. Cut yarn leaving enough to sew on
3. Pass sewing needle through sts, draw up to form a circle and fasten tightly

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