

EMOTIKNIT - 2

Emotiknits were an original pattern concept by Val in East Yorkshire. Inspired by that, Jane in Nottinghamshire has kindly made and donated this pattern.

Emotiknit 2 is a set consisting of one complete puppet and 2 add-on heads which can be slotted over the main puppet. Emotiknits are race, age and gender neutral. They are all the same person, but each face shows a different emotion. Besides happy and sad they show anger, worry, fear and confusion. Each side of the main puppet has a different face, and each added head also has a different expression on each side of it, making 6 expressions in total.

Here are some of Jane's sets, showing some of the facial expressions. Each set is one puppet and 2 add on heads. The other expressions are on the back of these, making 6 expressions altogether. Please see the bottom of this pattern for the full emoji expressions to work from.



Materials:

4mm needles (UK 8)

Double knit yarn – use whatever colour you like, but it's best to keep the same colour throughout for each set.

Black felt cut into eye shapes, or small black buttons, plus white buttons for the scared ones. Black sewing thread.

Black embroidery yarn for features.

Abbreviations

beg; beginning, tog: together sts: stitches, m1: make 1: knit into front and back of next st.

MAIN PUPPET

Cast on 24 sts.

1: FEET

Knit 4 rows

2: LEGS

Row 1. knit 11, purl 2, knit 11.

Row 2. purl 11, knit 2, purl 11.

Repeat these 2 rows 4 times (10 rows)

3: BODY

Row 1. knit.

Row 2. purl.

Repeat these 2 rows 4 times (10 rows)

SHAPING

With right side facing cast on 10 sts. (for arm) knit to end (34 sts)

With wrong side facing cast on 10 sts, (for arm) purl to end (44 sts)

4: ARMS

Row 1. knit (44sts)

Row 2. knit 4sts, purl to last 4 sts, knit 4. (44sts)

Repeat these 2 rows 4 times (10 rows)

SHAPING

With right side facing knit 12 sts, (knit 1, purl 1) 10 times, then turn.

Next row; (knit 1, purl 1) 10 times, then turn.

Working on these 20 sts. (knit 1. purl 1) for 2 more rows.

5: FACE

Row 1. knit (20 sts)

Row 2. purl (20 sts)

Repeat these 2 rows 4 times (10 rows)

SHAPING

Row 1. knit 1, knit 2 tog, knit to last 3 sts., knit 2 tog, knit 1 (18 sts)

Row 2. purl.

Repeat these 2 rows once more (16 sts)

Repeat row 1, (14 sts)

With wrong side facing (for hair)

Row 1, knit

Row 2, knit 1, knit 2 tog, knit to last 3 sts knit 2 tog, knit 1 (12 sts)

Repeat these 2 rows twice (8 sts)

Knit 1 row (this is the top of the head).

Row 1, knit 1, m1, knit to last 2 sts m1, k1 (10 sts)

Row 2, knit

Repeat last 2 rows twice (14 sts)

With right side facing

Row 1, knit 1, m1, knit to last 2 sts, m1, k1 (16 sts)

Row 2, purl

Repeat these 2 rows twice (20 sts)

Now you'll start knitting the back of the puppet in the same way, but in reverse order.

5: FACE (10 ROWS)

SHAPING

Work 4 rows [knit 1, purl 1, rib], (20sts)

With right side facing

Row 1, knit (20 sts) knit across 12 sts left on needle (32 sts)

Row 2, purl (32 sts) purl across 12 sts left on needle (44 sts)

4: ARMS (10 ROWS)

SHAPING

Row 1, Cast off 10 sts knit to end (34 sts)

Row 2, Cast off 10 sts purl to end (24 sts)

3: BODY(10 ROWS)

2: LEGS (10 ROWS)

1: FEET (4 ROWS

Cast off

Sew on happy face one side and sad face on the other side.

Sew up side seams.

HEADS – knit 2

Cast on 40sts work 4 rows (knit 1, purl 1, rib)

Row 1, knit

Row 2, purl

Repeat these 2 rows 6 times (14 rows)

Knit 4 rows

SHAPING

Row 1, knit 1 (knit 2 tog, knit 1) to end of row (27sts)

Row 2, knit

Row 3, (knit 2 tog, knit 1) to end of row (18sts)

Row 4, knit

Row 5, (knit 2 tog) to end of row (9 sts)

Break yarn and thread end through stitches.

Sew on faces before sewing side seam.

It would be much appreciated if you would please tie your main puppet to the 2 head pieces by means of a piece of yarn. If not there's a real risk that the parts could become separated en route to the child.

HINTS AND TIPS FOR SEWING THE FACIAL EXPRESSIONS!

Sewing on the facial expressions is probably the trickiest part of these puppets, as wool or acrylic types of yarn don't tend to look realistic! The mouth in particular tends to come out rather thick! So please consider using embroidery thread.

TIP 1

Mouths and eyebrows. Use black embroidery thread. A simple chain stitch works well or straight stitches. See illustrations below.

TIP 2

Eyes. Use either pieces of cut black felt attached with sewing thread (no glue thanks), or buttons (sewn on extra firmly). All eyes should be black. But if you're using buttons, white ones are effective for the "shocked/scared" one. You'll probably find that the felt is rather fiddly at this small size (whereas it's quite workable on larger monsters), so may prefer to use small buttons, but it's your choice.

TIP 3

Please look carefully at the emoji examples below, as even a small change in the way you sew the expressions can make a big difference to the emotion it conveys.

HAPPY- use on main puppet



SAD – use on back of main puppet



SHOCKED/SCARED head



CONFUSED – on back of a head



WORRIED – on another head



ANGRY – on back of a head

