FINGER PUPPETS BASIC PATTERN

Donated by Mary



Needles – 11 or 3mm - use any oddments of wool

Abbreviations:

St. = Stitch

G = **Garter stitch** - all rows knit

St.St. = Stocking Stitch - 1 row knit 1 row purl

Begin at lower edge and with body colour

CAST ON 14 stitches

Garter St. 2 rows

Begin with Knit row - St.St. 10 rows

Break yarn - join in face colour. St.St. 6 rows.

Break yarn - join in hair colour - St.St. 2 rows

Next row - knit together to end.

Draw yarn through all stitches left.

Join row ends and turn right side out.

Stuff head (optional). Please ensure that stuffing has a BS or CE label on the packaging, meaning it is suitable for toys. Gather round 1^{st} row of head, pull up tightly and knot the ends of yarn then sew ends into head.

Work 2 short black vertical stitches for eyes, starting and fastening off at top of head. Work 2 black stitches to form a v-shape for mouth. If you wish you could make some of them with an upturned mouth (a smile) and some downturned (frown). This is often requested by therapists.

Scarf – optional. Cast on 30 sts. then cast off. Place round neck and catch in place where ends of scarf cross over.

You can make lots of adaptations of this pattern using your own creativity. For instance you could add a couple of little knitted ears, a collar, some whiskers, some hair – or whatever you like. Here are some examples!



