

ISLAMIC MUM



You will need: DK Yarn, 4mm needles and 5 mm needles

Abbreviations:

SSK: Slip, slip, knit. Slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit, then slide the left hand needle into the front part of both stitches and knit them together.

M1: Make 1: Pick up and knit (or purl) the strand of yarn between the two stitches. Stitching into the back of the loop helps avoid a hole.

Make 2 pieces

Dress.

Using 4 mm needles and black or brightly coloured DK yarn, cast on 20 stitches.

Knit 4 rows for border.

Continue in Stocking stitch until work measures about 11 cms.

Arms

Make as for Islamic Dad puppet.

Head

Change to face colour.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: K1, M1, K10, M1, K1. (14 stitches)

Row 4: P1, M1, P12, M1, P1 (16 stitches)

Row 5: K1, M1, K14, M1, K1 (18 stitches)

Row 6: P1, M1, P16, M1, P1 (20 stitches)

Continue in stocking stitch until head measures about 4.5 cms.

Change to black yarn (or colour you wish to do headscarf) and decrease for top of head.

Row 1: K1, SSK, knit to last 3 stitches, K2tog, K1.

Row 2: Purl

Repeat these 2 rows until 8 stitches remain. Cast off.

Head linings:

If you wish to make a stuffed head puppet, follow the instructions for head linings as for Islamic Dad pattern.

Headscarf/Hijab

These can be black or coloured. For ideas, Google, 'How to put on a Hajib'. There's some good Youtube video demonstrations.

Using 5 mm needles, cast on 2 stitches.

Working in Stocking Stitch, increase 1 stitch knit-wise at the beginning of every row until you have 50 stitches on your needle ending with a purl row.

Next row: Purl

Cast off knit-wise.

Pin the Hijab to the puppet's head, with the long edge framing the face. Tuck the front corners of triangle over the puppet's shoulder. Stitch in place. Catch long point of the triangle to back of the dress near the border.

Note from Clare at Knit-for-Nowt – please ensure all pins are removed – it's so easy to miss one!!

