

LION HAND PUPPET PATTERN



You will need: Approx 20g double knitting wool in main colour. Contrasting oddments in 2 other colours for mane, small amount of black wool for features.

Needles: 1 pair size 8 or 7 (4 mm or 4.5mm) needles.

Cast on 36 stitches using main colour and work 6 rows in garter stitch.

Work 20 rows in stocking stitch.

Arms:

Next row: Cast on 8 stitches. Knit back these 8 sts plus 18 sts from body. (26 sts altogether). Turn leaving remaining 18 stitches on a spare needle.

Cast on 8 sts. K3, P28, K3

Continue for a further 6 rows on these 34 sts remembering to knit the first and last 3 stitches on purl rows.

Cast off 10 sts. Knit to end of row.

Cast off 10 sts. Purl to end of row. 14 sts remain.

Slip these stitches onto spare needle, and break off wool.

Rejoin wool to 18 sts on first spare needle, and work the arms again to match.

Slip all the sts from front and back onto one needle (28 sts).

Head:

Work 12 rows in stocking stitch on these 28 sts.
Next row: [s1 k1 pssso, k10, k2tog] twice. (24 sts).
Purl 1 row.
Next row: [s1 k1 pssso, k8, k2tog] twice. (20 sts).
Purl 1 row.
Cast off.

Ears: make 2.

Using main colour cast on 6 sts.
Work 5 rows in stocking stitch starting with a purl row.
Decrease 1 st at each end of next row.
Cast off.

Tail:

Cast on 3 sts in main colour.
Work in i-cord for no more than 6" (safety rules due to choking hazard). Cast off.
(To knit an i-cord: *Knit 1 row, slide stitches to the other end of needle, do not turn, repeat from *. If you don't have double pointed needles, you can still achieve this by slipping all the sts from the right hand needle back onto the left-hand needle. Then just knit another row, and repeat.)

Mane:

Using 3 strands of different coloured wool together, cast on 3 sts.
Work in garter stitch for approx 25 cm (10 in) or until work is long enough to form a circle around the head. Work an even number of rows.
Cast off 1 stitch, then slip the needle out of the remaining stitches. Now carefully unravel the work to form loops as shown.



Sew up the side seam of body, arms and head. Bend the mane round into a circle and sew around the edge of the head. Attach the ears to the head and tail to the back. Make a small pom-pom using the three colours used for the mane and attach to the end of the tail. Sew on a happy face using black yarn.