

HIPPO FINGER PUPPET



MATERIALS

Scraps of light grey 8 ply wool or acrylic. Small amount of pink embroidery thread and white wool for mouth. Small amount of black wool for nostrils.

Pair of 3mm (No.11 U.K.) knitting needles. Tapestry needle for sewing up.

Cotton balls or craft stuffing. Bobble eyes. Craft Glue.

ABBREVIATIONS

K = knit, P = purl, st(s) = stitch(es), inc = increase by knitting into front and back of stitch;

stst = stocking stitch – one row knit, one row purl; tog = together,

METHOD

With grey, cast on 14 stitches, leaving an end about 30 cms to use for sewing up.

Row 1 and 2: K1, P1 to end.

Row 3: Knit. **Row 4:** Purl.

Rows 5 - 12: Repeat rows 3 & 4

Row 13: K2, K2tog, (K1, K2tog) three times, K1. (10 sts)

Row 14: P1, (P2 tog) four times, P1. (6 sts)

Row 15: K1, inc in next 4 sts, K1. (10 sts)

Row 16: P1, inc in each st to last stitch, P1. (18 sts)

Row 17: Knit. **Row 18:** Purl

Row 19: (K4, inc in next 3 sts) twice, k4 (24 sts)

Row 20: P6, inc in next st, p10, inc in next st, p6. (26 sts)

Row 21: Knit

Row 22: (P6, p4tog) twice, p6. (20 sts)

Row 23: (K2 tog) to end. (10 sts)

Row 24: Purl

Row 25: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. (8 sts)

Row 26: Purl. **Row 27:** Knit. **Row 28:** Purl.

Cut off wool, leaving about 15 cms and thread through the 8 sts loosely.

FINISHING

With right side out, sew up the row ends leaving a small gap at the top of head. Stuff head (with about a cotton ball – or more if necessary). Draw the 8sts tightly together and fasten off. Use this end of wool to close gap and draw wool through to top of head. Make ears by wrapping wool around needle 6 times and sew into head. Sew black wool into nostrils or use black fabric paint.

Glue on bobble eyes – or embroider for small children. Embroider mouth – or draw on using pink and white fabric paint.