

Easter ducklings



BONUS
PATTERN

Instead of chocolate this Easter, why not give these cute little ducklings as presents?

SIZE

Approximately 8cm high (excluding hanging loop).

ABBREVIATIONS

See reading a pattern card in your Knit & Stitch Creative collections.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

ssk=slip, slip, knit worked thus: sl next 2 sts, one at a time, as if to k them, insert the left-hand needle into the front of the 2 sts and k the 2 sts tog.

TO MAKE

Body

Using 2.75mm needles and yellow, cast on 6 sts for top of head.

Row 1: K into front and back of each st. 12 sts.

Row 2: P to end.

Row 3: (inc in next st) 3 times, k6, (inc in next st) 3 times. 18 sts.

Row 4: P to end.

Row 5: (k1, inc in next st) 3 times, k6, (inc in next st, k1) 3 times. 24 sts.

Row 6: P to end.

Row 7: (k2, inc in next st) 3 times, k6, (inc in next st, k2) 3 times. 30 sts.

Row 8: P to end.

Row 9: (k3, inc in next st) twice, k14, (inc in next st, k3) twice. 34 sts.

Rows 10 to 16: Beg with a p row, work in st st.

Row 17: K1, (k2tog) 16 times, k1. 18 sts.

Row 18: (p1, p2tog) 6 times. 12 sts.

Row 19: Cast on 12 sts, k12, inc in next st, k10, inc in next st. 26 sts.

Row 20: Cast on 12 sts, p to end. 38 sts.

Row 21: Inc in first st, k12, (inc in next st, k1) 3 times, (k1, inc in next st) 3 times, k12, inc in last st. 46 sts.

Row 22: P to end.

Row 23: Inc in first st, k12, (inc in next st, k1) 5 times, (k1, inc in next st) 5 times, k12, inc in last st. 58 sts.

Row 24: P to end.

Row 25: K5, ssk, k10, ssk, k20, k2tog, k10, k2tog, k5. 54 sts.

Row 26: P to end.

Row 27: K4, ssk, k9, ssk, k20, k2tog, k9,

k2tog, k4. 50 sts.

Row 28: P to end.

Row 29: K3, ssk, k8, ssk, k20, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k3. 46 sts.

Row 30: P to end.

Row 31: K2, ssk, k7, ssk, k20, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k2. 42 sts.

Row 32: P to end.

Row 33: K1, ssk, k6, ssk, k20, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k1. 38 sts.

Row 34: P to end.

Row 35: Ssk, k5, ssk, k20, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k5. 34 sts.

Row 36: P to end.

Row 37: K5, ssk, k20, k2tog, k5. 32 sts.

Row 38: P to end.

Cast off.

Beak

Using 2.75mm needles and yellow, cast on 8 sts.

Row 1 and every alternate row: P to end.

Row 2: K1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1. 6 sts.

Row 4: K1, ssk, k2tog, k1. 4 sts.

Row 6: Ssk, k2tog, 2 sts.

Row 8: Inc in each st. 4 sts.

Row 10: Inc in first st, k to last st, inc in last st. 6 sts.

Row 12: As row 10. 8 sts.

Row 13: P to end.

Cast off.

Fold beak in half, ws tog and join sides, leaving cast-on and cast-off edges open.

Wings (make 2):

Using 2.75mm needles and yellow, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1: K to end.

Row 2 (rs): Inc in first st, k to last st, inc in last st. 7 sts.

Row 3: K to end.

Rows 4 and 5: As rows 2 and 3. 9 sts.

Rows 6 and 7: K to end.

Row 8: K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 7 sts.

Rows 9 to 11: K to end.

Rows 12 to 15: Rep rows 8 to 11. 5 sts.

Row 16: K2tog, k1, k2tog. 3 sts.

Rows 17 to 19: K to end.

Row 20: K2tog, k1, pass first st on right



needle over second stitch to cast off. Cut yarn and fasten off.

FINISHING

Gather up the cast-on sts at top of head, then sew the head and body seams. Fill head and body firmly with toy filling then sew up the bottom seam. Sew the open edges of the beak to the centre front of head. Using turquoise yarn, embroider two eyes above the beak. Sew one wing to each side of the body, leaving the lower long edge of the wing unstitched. Using a short length of yellow, work a couple of stitches through the tail, pull tight and tie ends in a knot to create a dimple. Weave loose ends of yarn into body. Make a twisted cord from turquoise yarn and tie around neck.

Make another duckling in the same way. Sew the lengths of ribbon to the tops of the ducklings' heads to create hanging loops.

MATERIALS

- 1 x 50g ball of 4-ply wool in yellow
- Pair of 2.75mm knitting needles
- Yarn needle
- Polyester toy filling
- Small amount of turquoise 4-ply wool
- 15cm lengths of turquoise and of yellow ribbon
- Sewing needle and thread