



# The Little Yellow Duck Project

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## Knitted Duck - designed by Alan Dart



### MEASUREMENTS

3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>in (8cm) tall and 4in (10cm) long.

### MATERIALS

Of double knitting yarn: 8g in yellow, a 60in (150cm) length of orange and a 20in (50cm) length of black; pair of 3mm (no.11) knitting needles; 10g of washable toy stuffing.

### TENSION

26 sts and 36 rows to 4in (10cm) square, measured over stocking stitch worked with DK on 3mm needles.

### ABBREVIATIONS

beg = beginning; dec = decrease; inc = increase (by working into front and back of stitch); K = knit; P = purl; PSSO = pass slipped stitch over; sl = slip; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; tog = together.

### NOTE

Use 3mm needles throughout and cast on by using the cable (two needle) method. This is especially important when knitting the small beak pieces. Also begin all pieces with a K row, and always work 'inc 1' by knitting into

the front and back of the stitch, otherwise the stitch count will not be correct.

## **BODY make 1 piece**

With yellow cast on 8 sts for tail edge and ss 2 rows.

Cast on 4 sts at beg of next 4 rows [24 sts].

Inc 1 st at beg of next 4 rows [28 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next 2 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows once more [32 sts].

Ss 10 rows.

**Shape front, 1st dec row:** (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**2nd dec row:** (K1, K 2 tog) to end [16 sts].

P 1 row.

**3rd dec row:** (K 2 tog) to end [8 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

## **HEAD make 1 piece**

With yellow cast on 7 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

**Shape back, 1st inc row:** Inc into every st to end [14 sts].

P 1 row.

**2nd inc row:** (Inc 1, K1) to end [21 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**3rd inc row:** (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [28

sts].

Ss 7 rows.

**Shape front, 1st dec row:** (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [21 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**2nd dec row:** (K1, K 2 tog) to end [14 sts].

P 1 row.

**3rd dec row:** (K 2 tog) to end [7 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.



## **BEAK make 2 pieces**

With orange cast on 5 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

**1st dec row:** SKPO, K1, K 2 tog [3 sts].

P 1 row.

**2nd dec row:** Sl 1, K 2 tog, PSSO, break yarn and draw through st.

## TO MAKE UP

Sew body and head seams by using mattress stitch, working with right side of knitting uppermost, as a one-stitch knitted seam turning has been allowed on these pieces to accommodate this method.

Starting at gathered front edge, join body seam, stopping 1 in (2.5cm) away from cast-on tail edge. Stuff body firmly, join remainder of body seam, then fold tail edge in half and sew across. The seam will run along underside of body.

Starting at gathered front edge, join head seam, stopping 1 in (2.5cm) away from cast-on back edge. Stuff head firmly, then join remainder of seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch along cast-on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off.

With head seam running along underside, place head on top of body so that gathered front edge of head is directly above gathered front edge of body, then pin in position. Sew head securely in place, working a circle of stitching which is 6 knitted stitches wide, then remove pins. Use your thumb to make a dent in the stuffing on the underside of the body so the duck will sit without falling over.



Mark eye positions with pins, placing between 1st and 2nd decrease rows at front of head and spacing 7 knitted stitches apart. Take a length of black yarn and carefully draw out and discard a single strand. Fastening off ends of yarn at gathered front edge, where they will eventually be hidden by beak, use the remaining 2 strands of yarn and a sharp needle to embroider a circle of 6 very tiny chain stitches for each eye. Place the beak pieces purl sides facing and oversew together along side edges. Leaving unstuffed, position and sew beak to front of head, working backstitch over every knitted stitch along cast-on base edges.

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