

Woolly Thoughts

CURIOUS CHARACTER CREATIONS



Finger Ducks

*Knit and crochet finger puppets
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This pattern has been created as part of The Little Yellow Ducks Project

The Little Yellow Ducks Project was started, by Emma, on April 15th 2014 to help raise awareness of the need for blood, stem cell, organ, and tissue donors. The Project's web site (thelittleyellowduckproject.org/) says:

The Little Yellow Duck Project involves people around the world handcrafting little yellow duck gifts as random acts of kindness that are left in public places for others to find. A special tag on each one invites the finder to take their gift home to brighten their day and to visit this website to register where they found their gift. We hope that the stories and information found here will encourage them to pledge their own random act of kindness by registering to donate blood, bone marrow, organs tissues.

This project is very important to me as I received a kidney transplant, from an unknown donor, in 1986.

On May 9 (the time of writing this pattern) 58 ducks had been reported as found, in six different countries.

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Crochet Ducks

Yarn: Approximately 8 metres of DK yellow; small amounts of orange and black.

Hook: 3 mm (or size required to give a firm fabric)

UK instructions

Body

Work from the top down, in a spiral.

Round 1: Make 6 dc into a 'magic ring'

Round 2: 2 dc into each dc (12 stitches)

Rounds 3 - 6: 1 dc into each dc

Round 7: (miss 1 dc, 1 dc into next dc) 6 times (6 stitches)

Round 8: 1 dc into each dc

Round 9: 2 dc into each dc (12 stitches)

Round 10: 1 dc into each dc

Stuff the head and, using a sewing needle, make a few stitches across the inside of the neck to keep the stuffing in place. Do not pull tight.

Continue, as for Round 10, until the body is the length you want, 1 slip-stitch, fasten off.

Beak

Leaving an end for stitching, chain 4

Work 1 htr into the second chain from the hook, 1 htr into each of the other two chains. Fasten off

The end of the beak may be splayed out. Use the tail to draw it together to be more pointed.

Finishing

Fold the beak in half so that the two points stick out. Stitch in place. Embroider eyes.

US instructions

Body

Work from the top down, in a spiral.

Round 1: Make 6 sc into a 'magic ring'

Round 2: 2 sc into each sc (12 stitches)

Rounds 3 - 6: 1 sc into each sc

Round 7: (miss 1 sc, 1 sc into next sc) 6 times (6 stitches)

Round 8: 1 sc into each sc

Round 8: 2 sc into each sc (12 stitches)

Round 9: 1 sc into each sc

Stuff the head and, using a sewing needle, make a few stitches across the inside of the neck to keep the stuffing in place. Do not pull tight.

Continue, as for Round 10, until the body is the length you want, 1 slip-stitch, fasten off.

Beak

Leaving an end for stitching, chain 4

Work 1 hdc into the second chain from the hook, 1 hdc into each of the other two chains. Fasten off.

The end of the beak may be splayed out. Use the tail to draw it together to be more pointed.

Finishing

Fold the beak in half so that the two points stick out. Stitch in place. Embroider eyes.



Knitted Ducks

Yarn: Approximately 6 metres of DK yellow; small amounts of orange and black.

Needle: 3.25 mm (or size required to give a firm fabric)

Garter stitch instructions

Body

Worked from the bottom.

Cast on 12 stitches

Knit in garter stitch (knit every row) until the body is about 2.5 cm (1")

Next row: k2 tog 6 times (6 stitches)

Knit 2 rows

Next row: kfb 6 times (12 stitches)

Knit 8 rows

Next row: k2 tog 6 times (6 stitches)

Break off yarn, thread through remaining stitches and fasten off tightly.

Stitch back of head, as far as neck. Stuff the head and, using a sewing needle, make a few stitches across the inside of the neck to keep the stuffing in place. Do not pull tight. Stitch remainder of back seam.

Beak

Cast on 2 using the backward loop method

Knit 6 rows

K2 tog. Fasten off.

Finishing

Fold the beak in half so that the two points stick out. Stitch in place. Embroider eyes.

Stocking stitch instructions

Body

Worked from the bottom.

Cast on 13 stitches

Knit 2 rows

Work in stocking stitch (one row knit, one row purl) until the body is about 2.5 cm (1") finishing after a knit row

Next row: p2 tog 6 times, p1 (7 stitches)

Next row: knit

Next row: purl

Next row: kfb 6 times, k1 (13 stitches)

Work in stocking stitch for 6 rows

Next row: p2tog 6 times, p1 (7 stitches)

Break off yarn, thread through remaining stitches and fasten off tightly.

Stitch back of head, as far as neck. Stuff the head and, using a sewing needle, make a few stitches across the inside of the neck to keep the stuffing in place. Do not pull tight. Stitch remainder of back seam.

Beak

As for garter stitch beak.

Finishing

Fold the beak in half so that the two points stick out. Stitch in place. Embroider eyes.

Top-knot (if required)

Using a sewing needle, make a few loops into the top of the head, securing each loop with a firm stitch so they will not pull undone.

