

# SEAMLESS YELLOW DUCK

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## MATERIALS

I used approximately 10 grams (25 yards) of DK yarn. Amount needed will vary with the weight of yarn used (as will the size of your duck), but you can use anything you have on hand. And there's no rule that says it has to be yellow, either.

## GAUGE

Gauge is not critical, but mine was 8 stitches per inch, using size 3.5 mm needles (US 4). You just want to make sure your fabric is dense enough that stuffing doesn't show – or poke – through.

## NOTIONS

Stitch markers  
Tapestry needle  
Stuffing



## SKILLS

You will need to do a circular cast-on, knitting in the round, and grafting (kitchener stitch). Two different increases are used – kfb and m1 (lifted increase, either m1R or m1L) and two decreases (k2tog and ssk). My least favourite things in knitting – seaming and purling – are specifically not required.

I have written this for double-pointed needles, because that's what I use. It can be adapted for magic loop, in which case there is a point (indicated in the pattern) where it might be helpful to place stitch markers to indicate the beginnings of needles 2 and 4, as well as the beginning of the round.



Cast on 8 stitches, using Judy's Magic Cast-On, or another circular cast-on of your choice. Divide across four needles if using DPNs.

Knit into the front and back (kfb) of each stitch.

You now have four stitches on each needle. Mark your start of round.

Round 1: knit all stitches

Round 2: kfb, \*m1 (lifted increase), k2\* until 1 stitch remains, m1, kfb (26 st)

Round 3: knit all stitches

Round 4: kfb, k1, \*m1, k3\* until 3 stitches remain, m1, k2, kfb (36 st)

Round 5: kfb, k to last stitch, kfb (38 st)

Round 6: kfb, k3, \*m1, k4\* until 6 stitches remain, m1, k5, kfb (48 st)

Round 7: kfb, k to last stitch, kfb (50 st)

Round 8: kfb, k6, \*m1, k5\* until 7 stitches remain, m1, k6, kfb (60 st)

Round 9: kfb, k to last stitch, kfb (62 st)

If using magic loop, place additional markers as follows (corresponds to the end of needle 1, and start of needle 4 if using DPNs) on next round.

Round 10: kfb, k 18, *pm*, k 24, *pm*, k to last stitch, kfb (64 st)

Round 11: m1, k to two st before marker, k2tog, *sm*, k5, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k5, *sm*, ssk, k to end (60 st)

Round 12: k to two st before marker, k2tog, *sm*, k to marker, *sm*, ssk, k to end, m1 (59 st)

Round 13: k 11, k2tog, k4, k2tog, *sm*, k4, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4, *sm*, ssk, k4, k2tog, k to end (52 st)

Round 14: k to two st before marker, k2tog, *sm*, k to marker, *sm*, ssk, k to end (50 st)

Round 15: k 9, k2tog, k3, k2tog, *sm*, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3, *sm*, ssk, k3, k2tog, k to end (43 st)

Round 16: k to two st before marker, k2tog, *sm*, k to marker, *sm*, ssk, k to end (41 st)

Round 17: k 7, k2tog, k2, k2tog, *sm*, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k3, *sm*, ssk, k2, k2tog, k to end (34 st)

Round 18: break yarn and graft (kitchener) together first nine and last nine stitches (from beginning of needle 1 and the end of needle 4 on DPNs). Three-needle bind-off, while less pretty, can be used instead if preferred. Rejoin yarn. (If not splicing yarn together, tails can be used to tighten up any gaps at the neck.) 16 stitches remain. Continue in the round, removing additional markers as you go.

Stuff body now.

Round 19: \*k2, k2tog\* (12 st)

Round 20: knit all stitches

Round 21: \*k1, k2tog\* (8 st)

Round 22: knit all stitches

You are now making the head.

Round 23: kfb all stitches (16 st)

Round 24: knit all stitches

Round 25: k1, \*m1, k2\* to last st, m1, k1 (24 st)

Round 26: k11, kfb, *pm* (between needles 2 and 3 on DPNs, at front centre of duck), kfb, k to end (26 st)

Round 27: k2, \*m1, k3\* to two stitches before marker, m1, kfb, *sm*, kfb, k2, \*m1, k3\* to end (36 st)

Round 28: k to two stitches before marker, k2tog, *sm*, ssk, k to end (34 st)

Round 29: k to two stitches before marker, k2tog, *sm*, ssk, k to end (32 st)

Round 30: \*k2, k2tog\* to marker, *sm*, ssk, \*k2, k2tog\* to end (24 st)

Round 31: k to two stitches before marker, k2tog, *sm*, ssk, k to end (22 st)

Round 32: \*k2, k2tog\* twice, k1, k2tog, *sm*, ssk, k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2 (16 st)

Round 33: k2tog all round.

Eight stitches remain. Stuff head now.

Break yarn, leaving sufficiently long tail to secure live stitches by running through with tapestry needle twice, and draw yarn through into head. Pull firmly and snip yarn where it reappears. The end of the yarn should spring back into the head, out of the way.

Darn eyes and beak in contrasting yarn, securing yarn ends in the same manner.

