



Little Yellow Duck with a Mission

There is a special project that is raising awareness of organ and blood donation worldwide. It is called [the Little Yellow Duck Project](#). Enthusiastic volunteers make and release little yellow ducks, which when found, are entered on a map of the world. If you wish to enter into the fun and release a duck into the wild and woolly world... and you wish to **knit** your little yellow duck as opposed to felting, sewing or crocheting one, here is a pattern that will help you do just that!



Each duck will have his/her own unique shape and personality once you add their bills and eyes

Skills required:

Cast on and bind off
Knit and purl, K2tog, P2tog, SSK
Short rows

Size/Measurements:

Length: approx. 55mm (2.17in.)

Width: approx. 30mm (1.18in.)

Height: approx. 50mm (1.97in.)

Gauge: (stocking stitch)

Approx. 30 st x 40 rows = 10cm(3.9in) x 10cm(3.9in)

Material Requirements:

Approx. 5 g fingering weight yarn

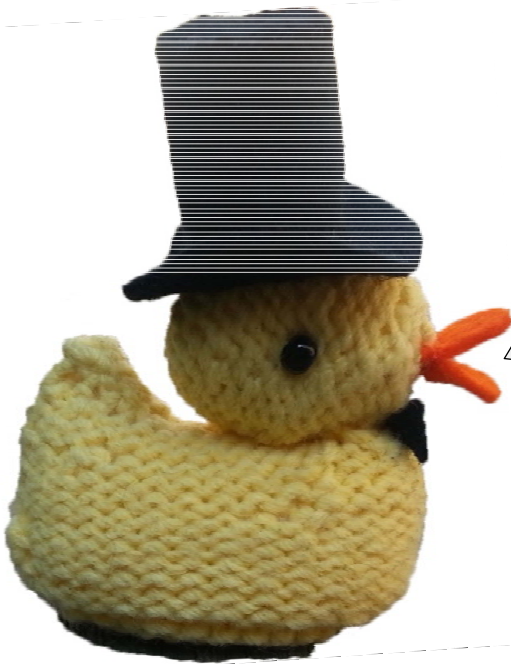
2mm needles

Tapestry needle

Orange Felt, thread and needle for attaching beak

Black beads for eyes/ black yarn to stitch on eyes

Stuffing



I say, did you know that the short row shaping gives us a proud chest and a quirky tail?

Wrt gives a good closure in short rows where the knitting is turned and continued in the opposite direction. Ensure that you knit or purl the wrapped loop with the relevant stitch in the return row, to achieve a neater fabric and to stop our pesky stuffing falling out. Much obliged!

Abbreviations:

K: Knit

P: Purl

St: stitches

Kfb: Knit into the front and the back of the stitch to make a stitch.

SSK: Slip the next two stitches onto the RH needle, return to LH needle and knit together through back of loop.

K2tog: Knit two stitches together as one stitch

P Row: Partial Row (when wrapping and turning)

SwP2tog: Slip 1 onto cable needle, slip second stitch onto RH needle, replace 1st slipped st onto LH needle followed by 2nd st so that they can now be purled together – this gives a decrease that is visually the same as the K2tog on the other wing.

Wrt: Wrap and turn.

Pattern Notes:

The duck is knitted in two pieces, head and body, with optional wings.

The pieces are stitched and stuffed and the beak and eyes are then added.

P Row refers to a partial row which means that you will either not knit to the end or from the beginning – I find it easier if the layout is in list form, but essentially between Row 3 and 9, for example, there are 5 partial rows.

You can elect to stitch it together with the reverse stocking stitch or the stocking stitch fabric showing – I prefer the reverse side as it gives a more ruffled, feathery look, in my opinion, but it is your duck and your creative flair that will give each duck his/her own personality.

There are 2 optional wings – they are mirror images of one another – you decide how you want to attach them – as you see I liked the stockinette look in Outfora Duck and Duck Endive II.

Directions:

Body:

Cast on 16 st.

Row 1: Purl

Row 2: Kfb, (K1P1)x3, Kfb x2, (K1P1)x3, Kfb (20st)

Row 3: Kfb, (K1P1)x4, Kfb x2, (K1P1)x4, Kfb (24st)

P Row 4: Kfb, (K1P1)x4, wrt

P Row 5: (P1K1)x3, wrt

P Row 6: (K1P1)x4 (close wrt gap as you come to it) Kfb x2, (K1P1)x3, K1, wrt

P Row 7: (K1P1)x3, wrt

P Row 8: (P1K1)x4, (closing wrt gap as you come to it), P1, Kfb (28st)

Row 9: K13, Kfb x2, K13 (30 st)

Row 10, 12, 14: Purl

Row 11, 13: Knit

P Row 15: K20, wrt

P Row 16: P10, wrt

P Row 17: K20 (closing wrt gap as you come to it)

P Row 18: P18, wrt

P Row 19: K6, wrt

P Row 20: P18 (closing wrt gap purlwise as you come to it)

P Row 21: K3, wrt

P Row 22: P3

Row 23: K14, K2tog, K14 (closing wrt gap as you come to it) (29 st)

P Row 24: P3, wrt

P Row 25: K3

Row 26: P29 (closing wrt gap purlwise as you come to it)

P Row 27: K2, wrt

P Row 28: P2

Row 29: K12 (closing gap as you come to it) SSK, K, K2tog, K12 (27 st)

P Row 30: P2, wrt

P Row 31: K2

Row 32: P27 (closing gap purlwise as you come to it)

Cast off or fold in half and graft together with Kitchener stitch.



I am Duck Endive II - I love swimming... & veges... do you?

Extra Quacks:

When **stuffing**, go for firm but not tight, and use a few stitches if necessary to **shape the base**, by catching and pulling it upwards a little to help the duck sit flat. Alternatively, a small flat pebble in the base will help with balance.

The **cricket bat** was made from Balsa wood and a thin dowel, wrapped with sewing thread and secured with a spot of glue.

Hats can be stitched from felt, using a simple circle cut from the brim, or gathered into a chef's hat and connecting them with a rectangular piece.

There are many sayings about ducks that have helped provide **inspiration** for names and characters.

Lord Luvva Duck made his appearance, as did others that you see here and on Ravelry.

REMEMBER: If you are releasing your duck where it may be fallen in love with by a small child, either include a **warning on the label** or ensure that it is made in such a way as to be **safe for babies and young children** to play with.

